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## President's Welcome

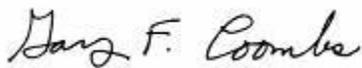
Dear Friend,

At Southern California Seminary, we teach the Bible first and foremost. It is our main textbook. It is the grid through which all of life is evaluated. We believe that our seminary exists to equip and train godly men and women to know the Word, apply the Word and to use God's inerrant Word both in ministry and vocational settings.

The great commission given to us by our Lord demands that we make disciples of all nations. It is our desire to reach out to as many peoples of the world as we possibly can. SCS Alumni are serving in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Brazil, Peru, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Korea, the Philippines, China, Japan, India, England, Spain, Italy, Hungary, Turkey, Tanzania, Malawi, Uganda, Cape Verde, Bahrain, and certain other Middle-Eastern countries, and twenty-nine of the United States, including chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces. Where will you serve?

If anything here resonates with your desires, perhaps Southern California Seminary is the place for you.

Forever in Him,



Dr. Gary F. Coombs



Preparing the people of God  
in the Word of God  
for the church of God  
to the glory of God!

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# About Southern California Seminary

## Mission

The Mission Statement communicates the purpose for which SCS exists. It provides the basis for decision-making and direction for activities. It is the basic guide for planning, development, evaluation, policymaking, and all other institutional functions. In short, all operations of SCS must be clearly related to the Mission Statement. The Mission Statement is not immutable but is reviewed periodically to ensure it continues to accurately state the mind of the Board with regard to SCS' reason for existing and the actual outcome of programs.

*Southern California Seminary  
Mission Statement*

*The mission of Southern California Seminary  
is to bring glory to God by assisting local churches  
to equip believers of various cultures and languages  
to live and minister biblically  
based on the inerrant Word of God.  
This equipping includes building biblical knowledge,  
Christian character, and ministry skills  
--all at modest tuition.*

## Institutional Objectives

Trustees, administrators, and faculty must acknowledge institutional objectives in writing. The institutional objectives of Southern California Seminary are to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of biblical truth based on the authoritative, inerrant Word of God, from a literal grammatical-historical hermeneutic.
2. Integrate biblical truth and principles into personal and professional life.
3. Exhibit the communication and teaching skills necessary to train others.
4. Apply academic research and critical thinking skills essential for understanding and defending the Christian faith.
5. Manifest service and ministry skills useful within the local church and other Christian ministries.
6. Evidence skills for on-going personal and spiritual growth.
7. Demonstrate the appropriate skills necessary to care for the spiritual needs of believers.
8. Communicate and understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Statement of Faith

A statement of faith is a summary of core beliefs held by the persons who affirm it. It helps persons of like faith to identify one another. We seek a campus community where Christian love one for another flourishes, where Christian doctrine is not only taught, but also lived. Because of the Seminary's attention to every step of moving from faith to action, biblical principles infuse the entire process for the good of the campus community. The trustees, administrators, and faculty of SCS affirm the following statement of faith while recognizing that only the Word of God is the final authority for faith and practice.

The Southern California Seminary Statement of Faith is a necessary attempt to summarize and systematize essential doctrines of the divine revelation. The Statement of Faith is comprehensive, covering every major doctrine and precept held by members of the seminary. It is found in all core seminary publications.

### Acknowledgment and Doctrinal Liberty

Trustees, administrators, and faculty must be in agreement with the statement and so indicate in writing. Every applicant to Southern California Seminary is required to read and respect the SCS Statement of Faith and so indicate in writing during the application process. However, because a student is by definition in a state of theological formation, you are not required to be in agreement with it. As a result, you understand the official position of SCS and that your education, while including various theological viewpoints, will be rooted in this understanding of the Holy Scriptures. This policy ensures that you will be aware of our doctrinal position and that you will receive instruction conforming to it, but that you will have liberty to develop your own positions.

The Board, Administration, and Faculty believe:

**Section 1 – The Holy Scriptures.** We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in every matter in the original writing, infallible and God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

**Section 2 – The Godhead.** We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

**Section 3 – The Person and Work of God the Father.** We believe that the Father is the first person of the one, Triune God, a self-existent spirit, unseen by men, who shares one essence with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and possesses the same attributes of omniscience, omnipotence, love, truth, holiness, righteousness, and goodness (1 Corinthians 8:6; John 5:46; 6:26; 7:28; 14:9–10; 15:9; 17:11, 25; Matthew 6:8, 32; Ephesians 3:20; James 1:17). He receives worship and is the One to whom human beings relate through Christ, having sent Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to the earth (John 4:23; 8:42; 14:6, 26).

We believe the Father resurrects the dead, and that heaven belongs to Him (John 5:21; 14:2; Romans 6:4). He controls the timeline for eschatological events (Acts 1:6–7). He draws the elect to Christ, having chosen them before the foundation of the world (John 6:44; Ephesians 1:3). He predestines believers to adoption as sons and preserves them in their relationship to God (John 17:11; Ephesians 1:5).

We believe the Father is to be the focal point for believers in their Christian lives and in their fellowship (Romans 6:11; 1 John 1:3). He cares for them, comforts them, hears and answers their prayers, honors believers that serve Jesus Christ, leads them, and gives them gifts (John 12:26; 15:1; 16:23; Romans 6:11; 2 Corinthians 1:3–4; 1 Thessalonians 3:11; James 1:17; 1 John 1:3).

**Section 4 – The Person and Work of Christ.** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, eternally God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men (Luke 1:35; John 1:1, 2, 14).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Romans 3:24–25; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3–5; 2:24).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (Acts 1:9–11; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 9:24; 1 John 2:1–2).

**Section 5 – The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.** We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; revealing Christ to men and enabling them to believe; and, that He is the supernatural agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption (John 16:8–11; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12–14; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Ephesians 1:13–14).

We believe that He guides believers into all truth, anoints and teaches them, and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (John 16:13; Ephesians 5:18; 1 John 2:20, 27).

**Section 6 – The Creation and Man.** We believe that the book of Genesis presents a historically accurate account of the origin of man, the fall of Adam and Eve, and consequently the entire human race, the worldwide flood, the call of Abraham, and the origin of God’s chosen people, Israel. Included in this is our belief that special creation of the existing universe, consisting of time, space, and matter, was accomplished in six literal, twenty-four hour days, as detailed in Genesis chapter one.

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that when man sinned the human race fell and became alienated from God. Man, thus, is totally depraved and of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition (Genesis 1:26–27; 5:2; Psalm 51; Romans 3:22–23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1–3, 12).

**Section 7 – Salvation.** We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal and purposeful faith in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of sins (1 Corinthians 15:1–5; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8–10; 1 Peter 1:18–19).

We believe that while the death and resurrection of Christ is sufficient provision for the salvation of all men, only those who exercise saving faith will have forgiveness of sin and receive eternal life. Those who so exercise faith are then regenerated, baptized by the Holy Spirit into Christ, and

granted every spiritual blessing in Christ (Romans 6:3–4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:3–4; 2:8–9; Philippians 2:13; Titus 3:5; 1 John 2:2).

**Section 8 – The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers.** We believe that all the justified, once saved, are kept by God’s power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 6:37–40; 10:27–30; Romans 8:1, 38; 1 Corinthians 1:4–8; 1 Peter 1:5).

We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God’s Word; which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh (Romans 13:13–14; Galatians 5:13; Titus 2:11–15; 1 John 5:10–13).

**Section 9 – The Two Natures of the Believer.** We believe that the regenerated person retains his corrupt, sinful, depraved nature, but at the moment of salvation also becomes a partaker of the divine nature, capable of pleasing God through the ministries of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Romans 6:13; 8:12–13; Galatians 5:16–25; Ephesians 4:22–24; Colossians 3:9–10; 1 Peter 1:14–16; 1 John 3:5–9).

**Section 10 – Separation.** We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and, that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded by God (Romans 12:1–2, 14:13; 2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1; 2 Timothy 3:1–5; 1 John 2:15–17; 2 John 9–11).

**Section 11 – Missions.** We believe that it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind (Matthew 28:19–20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:19–20).

**Section 12 – The Church.** We believe that the church began on the day of Pentecost and is the one body into which all believers are baptized by the Holy Spirit. Christ is head of the church (Acts 2; 1 Corinthians 12:12–13; Ephesians 1:22).

We believe in the autonomy of the local church (Acts 13:1–4, 20:28; Romans 16:1; 1 Corinthians 3:9,16; 5:4–7,13; 1 Peter 5:1–4).

We recognize water baptism and the Lord’s Supper as scriptural ordinances. They are a means of Christian testimony for the church today (Matthew 28:19–20; Acts 2:41–42, 18:8; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26).

**Section 13 – Ministry and Spiritual Gifts.** We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowing of all His gifts; that the gifts of evangelist and pastor-teacher are given to the church for the equipping of the saints today; that each believer has a spiritual gift for the purpose of ministry to others, such as the gifts of ministry, helps, leadership, administration, exhortation, giving, mercy, and teaching; that the gifts of prophecy, speaking in tongues, and the working of sign miracles ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established (Romans 12:6–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:7–12; 1 Peter 4:10).

We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accord with His own will, for the sick and afflicted (John 15:7; James 5:14–15; 1 John 5:14–15)

**Section 14 – Dispensationalism.** We believe that the Scriptures interpreted in their natural, literal sense reveal divinely determined dispensations or rules of life which define man’s responsibilities

in successive administrations of God. These dispensations are divinely ordered stewardships by which God directs man according to His purpose. Three of these—the dispensation of law, the dispensation of the grace of God, and the dispensation of the kingdom—are the subjects of detailed revelation in Scripture (John 1:17; 2 Corinthians 3:6–18; Galatians 3:13–25; Ephesians 1:10; 3:2–10; Colossians 1:24–25; Hebrews 7:19; Revelation 20:2–6).

**Section 15 – The Personality of Satan.** We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and, that he shall be eternally punished in the lake of fire (Job 1:6–7; Isaiah 14:12–17; Matthew 4:2–11; Revelation 20:11).

**Section 16 – The Rapture and Second Advent of Christ.** We believe that the “blessed hope,” is the personal, imminent, pre-tribulational rapture of the church (1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13–17; Titus 2:13).

We believe that after the seven-year tribulation Christ returns to the earth, with His saints, to establish His Millennial Kingdom (Isaiah 9:7; Zechariah 14:4–11; Luke 1:32; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13–18; 5:9; Revelation 3:10; 19:11–16; 20:1–6).

We believe that only then will He reign on the throne of David (Luke 1:32b).

**Section 17 – The Eternal State.** We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46; John 5:28–29; 11:25–26; Revelation 20:5–6; 22:12).

We believe that the souls of the justified are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when soul and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord (Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 3:32; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17; Revelation 20:4–6).

We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious misery until the second resurrection, when with soul and body reunited they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment, and shall be cast into the lake of fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment (Matthew 25:41–46; Mark 9:43–48; Luke 16:19–26; 2 Thessalonians 1:7–9; Jude 6–7; Revelation 20:11–15).

### A Biblical Statement on Gender, Sexuality, and Marriage

God created human beings distinctly as male and female (Genesis 1:27). The distinctness, complementarity, and relational nature of the human race as “male and female” is based on the created order given by God when He created humanity “in His image” (Genesis 1:26–27; 5:1–3; 9:6; 1 Corinthians 11:7; James 3:9; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 4:23–24; Colossians 3:10). God’s created order establishes a normative connection between biological sex and gender. The created distinctness, complementarity, and relational nature also establish the basis for the marital relationship as the union between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:23–24; Ephesians 5:21–33).

The Bible affirms two options or giftings for sexual expression: monogamous marital relations between one man and one woman (Genesis 1:27–28; 2:18, 21–24; Matthew 19:4–6; Mark 10:5–8; 1 Corinthians 7:7; Hebrews 13:4; Ephesians 5:22), or sexual celibacy, if one is not in a monogamous marital relationship between one man and one woman (1 Corinthians 7:7; Matthew 19:12). Within

these two Biblical designs there can be found sexual fulfillment, whereas outside these two designs sexual expression is improper.

The Bible affirms that human sexuality is a gift to be treasured and enjoyed (Genesis 2:24; Proverbs 5:19, 31:10; 1 Corinthians 7:4), as is sexual celibacy (1 Corinthians 7:7). The fall of humanity (Genesis 3) corrupted human sexuality in both spiritual and physical ways (Romans 1:18-32, Ephesians 2:1-10), and one result is confusion and pain in the lives of those who struggle with brokenness regarding gender, and who struggle with the guilt of desiring sinful expressions for their sexuality (Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 3:9-18; 5:12-17). The Bible prescribes faith in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:2-3) as the remedy for guilt and as the provision for life (Romans 3:23, 6:23; John 3:16), and the Bible prescribes an ongoing relationship with Him as the means for a whole and fulfilling life (John 15:1-11, 17:3; Colossians 3:16; Galatians 5:16-25; Romans 8:28-38).

### History of the Statement of Faith

The source of the original statement is not clear, although Dr. Otto Reese, founder of Linda Vista Bible College and Seminary, was probably its author, at least in part. It was revised most recently by the Biblical Foundations Self-study Committee in 2005 to state clearly some beliefs that were assumed in the previous statement, which was approved December 11, 1997, and to adopt and integrate the statement of faith of Southern California Bible College, which merged with Linda Vista Bible College and Seminary before the first accreditation self-study.

### Revision of the Statement of Faith

The Statement of Faith has been revised from time to time. As a practical matter, because the Statement is extensive and the product of much study and deliberation, it is unlikely that a topic will be raised that has not already been considered. However, students may suggest changes via the Student Forum. If the matter has not been previously considered, the Administrative Council will convene the Biblical Foundations Committee to consider the suggestion and make a recommendation for Board action. Because the Statement of Faith is included in the Bylaws, the same process used to act on any recommendation to amend the Bylaws is used to act on any recommendation to amend the Statement of Faith.

## Philosophy of Education

Inasmuch as God's Word is the standard by which all things are measured, Southern California Seminary affirms the following philosophy of education.

1. The principle that all truth is God's truth will be applied appropriately in each course.
2. It is the responsibility of the instructor to encourage the student to learn, and the student must be an active and sincere participant in the educational process.
3. God requires and graciously enables each believer to learn and apply His Word as the student submits to the Holy Spirit. Therefore the instructors should expect the best from each student.
4. The Scriptures are given to completely equip the believer for every good work; therefore, it is the responsibility of the instructor to go beyond the communication of biblical truth and to apply it to the student's life.
5. The instructor takes the responsibility to encourage the student to master the foundational truths of the course.
6. In order to motivate students to learn it is the instructor's responsibility to build the need for the course material before delivering the content.

7. Since the purpose of biblical education is to glorify God and serve others, it is the responsibility of the teacher to equip students for service.
8. Christian education is intended to impact the whole person. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the teacher to encourage ongoing spiritual growth.

## SCS Distinctives

Southern California Seminary is more than just another seminary. Our distinctives cumulatively make our institution unique among biblical seminaries in a day and age where the Word of God is not taken at face value, and core doctrines are being diluted.

### The Bible and its Interpretation

- a. We believe not only in the inerrancy of the autographs of Scripture, but in their sufficiency. We believe that God supernaturally caused the human authors, while using their individual vocabularies and styles, to write the exact words which perfectly expressed the revelation of God. Thus the very words of the autographs were inspired, not merely the ideas. The practical implication of this belief for teaching is that the words of Scripture themselves are important, not merely the ideas behind the words. Therefore we encourage students to distinguish between similar words and to attend carefully to grammatical distinctions in the biblical text. This belief causes us to recommend English translations that practice formal equivalence, and, indeed, to recommend that the student study the original languages of the Bible whenever possible. We employ a literal grammatical-historical hermeneutic in our interpretation of the Scriptures.
- b. Because we hold to the sufficiency of Scripture we understand that the mastery of Scripture is essential. We desire to use the Bible as the primary textbook in every course of instruction. This desire causes us to have students read the Scriptures themselves, rather than books about the Scriptures; to apply Scriptural truth to every area to which it speaks; and to require that every student in the Seminary major in Bible. At SCS we are proud to state “The Bible is our main textbook.”

### A Dispensational Framework

Our literal, historical, and grammatical hermeneutic produces an approach to the Scripture that makes careful distinctions between similar things. We distinguish between words which differ while acknowledging that the words may share similarities. We carefully discern the original recipients of each portion of Scripture in an attempt to determine if we are included or excluded from that group. We apply Scripture to the same extent as we are included in the group addressed. This careful, normal approach to interpreting Scripture identifies us as dispensationalists, people who distinguish between Israel and the Church and the Church and the Kingdom. While allowing each faculty member the freedom to interpret and teach various biblical texts, we are neither ultra-dispensationalists, who start the church sometime after Acts 2, nor “progressive dispensationalists” who teach that the Davidic kingdom has already begun, although it is not yet in its fullest form. If we must wear a name with an adjective, we would prefer to be called “classic” or “traditional” dispensationalists.

### A Focus on Creationism

Our literal grammatical-historical hermeneutic gives us a proper and biblical understanding on the origins of all things. We affirm the Genesis account of Creation, that it was done by God (who was ever-existent) in six literal days. We believe that Adam and Eve were literal people and the

garden was a literal place. Because the genre of Hebrew poetry in the Bible has such pronounced characteristics, we reject the notion that the Creation account in Genesis is poetic, and we choose to classify it as historical narrative.

### Equipping Emphasis

Ephesians, Chapter Four teaches that “He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastor-teachers for the equipping of the saints unto their works of ministry.” Because we believe that every believer is a priest and is spiritually gifted, we see our role as one of equipping every saint to serve by glorifying God and edifying the church. We are, therefore, more excited about what the students can do than what the professors can do, and we see our teaching as preparation for divine service rather than the acquisition of knowledge for knowledge’s sake or pride. Indeed, in this sense, we identify more closely with the Body of Christ than with the academy at large.

### Church Centered

The Scriptures identify ministry in this dispensation with the Body of Christ and with the local churches which manifest that Body. We recognize that God has placed all believers in this dispensation into a living organism called the Body of Christ, whose head is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. We also understand that God has ordained fellowships of believers, which meet to remember the Lord, and has given these local fellowships leaders who meet specific biblical lifestyle qualifications. We further recognize that the Scriptures are silent as to the establishment and governance of Bible Seminaries, but we recognize the responsibilities of individual believers to build up the body of Christ in the exercise of spiritual gifts, including teaching and pastor-teaching.

### Incarnational Orientation

Seminaries have often been guilty of proclamation without incarnation. We desire not only to proclaim the truth, but to model its use and application to life through our administrators and faculty. Thus our walk outside the classroom becomes every bit as important as our words inside the classroom. In respect of this truth and considering our belief in the priesthood of all believers, faculty members are encouraged not to distance themselves or isolate themselves from students, but rather to relate authentically with students as members together of the Body of Christ.

### Diverse Student Body

Every educational institution, either by practice or design, targets one or more subsets of humanity for its services. By intent we declare that we desire to help equip Christians from every race, ethnicity, continent, and language group to serve the living God and His church. We desire that our campus be a multi-cultural, multi-lingual environment in which diverse peoples can flourish in an educational context as they are equipped to serve Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to offer our educational ministry in such a way that it is affordable to groups often bypassed by private Christian education because of financial inability.

## History

The history of SCS stands as a testimony to the providence of God, who brought together three institutions dedicated to teaching the doctrines and lifestyle of the Bible to the next generation.

### Linda Vista Baptist Bible College and Seminary

Dr. Otto Reese, pastor of Linda Vista Baptist Church, founded Linda Vista Baptist Bible College and Seminary in 1946. The college provided a four-year course of instruction for men and women desiring a biblically based undergraduate education, while the theological seminary prepared men and women for full-time Christian service. In 1969 the college and seminary moved twenty miles from Linda Vista Baptist Church to its present site. In 1996 Dr. Reese departed to ever be with his Lord and Dr. Gary Coombs was appointed President.

### Southern California Bible College

Fletcher Hills Bible Church of El Cajon founded Fletcher Hills Bible College as an extension ministry in 1970. The four-year college began with a class of eight students, and the first Bachelor of Arts degrees were awarded in the spring of 1973. The college was restructured in 1976 as a nonprofit corporation with the name Southern California Bible College. In 1978 the college moved to the facilities of College Avenue Baptist Church in San Diego. Dr. George Hare was called to be president of SCBC in 1979.

### San Diego Bible College and Seminary

San Diego Bible College and Seminary was founded in 1970. Its goal was to prepare Christians for the service of God by providing a complete education in Bible by extension using programmed learning. Five degree programs were offered, from Associate of Arts in Bible to Doctor of Ministry.

### Southern California Seminary

In July 1997 SCBC and SDBC&S merged with LVBBC&S to become Southern California Bible College & Seminary. The Seminary became nationally accredited with the Transnational Association of Christian Schools (TRACS) in 2001. The name was changed to Southern California Seminary in 2005 to reflect a broader outreach. It serves as the banner under which we do business and clearly reflects our purpose and the programs we offer. Dr. Coombs continued as President and Dr. Hare was appointed Chancellor and remained in that role until 2015 when David Jeremiah accepted the role as Chancellor of Southern California Seminary. In 2020, SCS became an associate member of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

# General Information

## Directory

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Ching, Jade (Admissions Officer, Assistant to the Registrar, Room B-102).....	201-8959
Coombs, Dr. Gary (President) .....	201-8989
Crocker, Dr. Ward (Professor of Philosophy & Apologetics; D.Min Dissertation Coordinator, Room B-113) .....	201-8996
Elenwo, Dr. Elizabeth (Dean of Behavioral Sciences, Room B-109) .....	201-8965
Ewing, Jennifer (Library Director, Room A-112, Library 201-8966).....	201-8967
Fazio, Dr. James (Dean of Bible and Theology; Prof., Biblical Studies, Room B-201).....	201-8978
Hack, Dr. Joe (Professor of Applied Ministry; D.Min Program Coordinator, Room B-205) .....	201-8980
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Mutie, Dr. Jeremiah (Professor of Theology and Church History, Room B-116) .....	201-8954
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Fax Machine (Student Accounts and Financial Aid).....	201-8958
Pacheco, Lisa (Assistant to the Provost & Director of Student Services, Room B-204)....	201-8993
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## Computers & Education

SCS encourages its students to be computer literate, with an adequate proficiency in a word-processing program and an understanding of web-based research upon admission. Students need to have access to a computer, current word-processing software (such as Microsoft Word 2007 or newer), and an adequate high-speed internet connection (downloading, uploading course content). SCS requires that all assignments be typed or computer-generated unless other arrangements have been made previously with the professor of any particular course (exceptions made by one professor, do not obligate all or other professors). Professors require that most course assignments be submitted online through Populi for grading. Some courses may require more specialized software. If so, it will be listed in the syllabus. Students who need further training in this area should contact local adult education programs and community colleges for courses. Computers are available for student use in the Seminary library.

### Student Network Account

Upon acceptance to the Seminary, the IT department creates a secure student network account for you. Your username is usually the initial of your first name appended to your last name: jsmith. You will need to change the temporary password to something that is secure and which you will remember. This username and password will be how the seminary verifies your identity when you attempt to gain access to your secure account information, on-campus Wifi, SCS computers, email, and the library's databases. In addition to your SCS assigned network login, each student is given a unique username and password to access Populi which is a web-based learning management system (LMS) used for class registration, access to student records, and access to enrolled courses. In order to ensure the security and privacy of your student information, keep track of both usernames and passwords in a secure location and do not reveal your information to anyone.

### Student Email

The student's Seminary email account is the official college-to-student means of communication. Consequently, all students are expected to read their SCS email on a regular basis. Our goal is to keep you well informed of important Seminary happenings. SCS will often use email to communicate important information to students, and professors may also email critical class information. Email addresses follow the format: username@socalsem.edu. You can access your email from the Seminary's website or directly from: [outlook.office.com](http://outlook.office.com). Additionally, you can add your SCS email account to a mobile device, or have it forwarded to your personal email. For help in resetting school email password, mobile device email set-up, or email forwarding, please contact the IT Helpdesk at 619-590-1709 or [helpdesk@shadowmountain.org](mailto:helpdesk@shadowmountain.org).

### Student ID Cards

All students are required to have a Southern California Seminary Identification Card (ID card). Your ID card is prepared by the Director of Student Services. Please call 619-201-8993 to schedule an appointment. Your ID card is non-transferable and lending your ID card is strictly prohibited. You must present your ID card when requested to do so by a Seminary employee. Report a lost, stolen, or mutilated ID card to the Director of Student Services. To have a replacement ID card made, submit an online Certificates and Replacements Form (see Online Student Forms). There is fee to replace a student ID card. See the *Current Schedule of Student Charges* for the Replacement student ID fee.

### *Populi (LMS & SIS)*

SCS uses Populi as its primary learning management system (LMS). You will use Populi to register for all courses. As an LMS, all courses, regardless of delivery method, use Populi to some degree. For example, on-campus courses will use Populi for inputting and allowing students to track their grades, paper submission, course email lists, and various other features.

Most, if not all, of the student's course interaction will take place in Populi. Therefore, both online and on-campus students are expected to check into their course in Populi on a weekly basis. Failure to do so may cause a student to miss an important announcement or a course assignment. It is not the responsibility of the professor to tell the students when to check Populi, it is simply expected as part of the student's education.

SCS also uses Populi as the student information system (SIS) which contains your contact information, financial records for fees, tuition, and scholarship information. Through this web-based system, you will be able to manage all of your financial information, set your preferred email, phone numbers, and change your privacy information from any internet browser.

## **Online Student Forms**

### *Purpose*

Students will need to submit official forms for the following requests:

- Changing registrations AFTER Open Enrollment. Change types include:
  - Dropping classes
  - Adding extra classes
  - Changing delivery methods (Onground to Online or vice-versa)
  - Changing from credit to audit or vice-versa
  - Requesting course challenge examinations
- Changing degree programs, degree-seeking status, or governing catalog years.
- Completely withdrawing from the seminary or requesting a one-year leave of absence.
- Allowing a third party to have access to your FERPA-protected student records.
- Requesting enrollment certificates, graduation certificates, replacement student ID, and replacement diplomas.
- Requesting course extensions, course continuance for missing the first week of class or for exceeding the absence policy, and for requesting taking an early or late exam or assignment
- Getting your degree(s) conferred, in confirming participation to the annual graduation ceremony, and to receive diploma(s).

### *Where to Find the Online Student Forms*

Access the online student forms by logging-in to your Populi>'Files' link (located on the upper-left corner of the page)>Files>Online Student Forms.

### *How to Submit Online Student Forms*

- Click on the ‘Get Started’ button, then the ‘Start/Next’ button or arrow and fill out each of the fields.
  - If any of the required fields does not apply, please type ‘N/A’.
  - Tip: It would help to have an extra internet browser open and logged in to Populi so you can have access to the form’s required information, like finding your Student ID# and/or course details by going to your Populi account and then going to the ‘Student’ Tab.
- Fill out the form completely.
  - If using a mobile phone, you do NOT have to download the app. Just continue using your mobile phone’s browser.
  - You may have to zoom in and zoom out of your mobile phone screen to see all the form fields.
- As soon as all the required fields are filled in, click on the ‘Done’ button located on the upper-right section of the webpage.
- Please look for the confirmation that the online form has been submitted and that the sender will be notified.
- Your form will then be processed, and an email confirmation will be sent to your school email.
- If you have any questions about online student forms or get stuck submitting the online form, please contact the Registrar’s office at 619-201-8951.

## **Surveys & Evaluations**

SCS is constantly working to improve our operations. From time to time you will be asked to help by filling out course evaluations, student satisfaction surveys, and similar questionnaires. Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. Please take the time to thoughtfully respond.

## **Use of the SCS Name, Seal or Logo**

Southern California Seminary’s name, seal, logos, and other copyrighted corporate material may not be used on clothing, promotional paraphernalia, websites, etc., without the written approval of the Seminary Administration.

## **Institutional Communication**

### *Communication and Application of Programs and Policies*

SCS strives to communicate and apply its programs and policies honestly in all of its publications and operations (including online delivery and teaching sites). Every effort has been made to ensure that SCS publications contain only clear, accurate, and current information. Readers are invited to bring errors and suggestions for improving this publication to the attention of the Chief Academic Officer. To the extent an inconsistency is found to exist between the information in this publication and the actual policy or procedure, the actual policy or procedure governs. Although SCS faculty,

staff or administration may provide reminders, the student has the primary responsibility for knowing and fulfilling all of the school's policies and program requirements.

### *SCS Policy Petitions*

SCS expects the students to adhere to school policies and procedures. If a student has any concerns or extenuating circumstances beyond his or her control that may warrant an exception to a particular policy, the student must discuss this first directly with the specific department or staff involved with the goal of reaching a satisfactory resolution. If a satisfactory resolution is not reached, the student may write an exception request addressed to the Academic Appeals Committee. This letter must contain the specific policy in question and with detailed reasons for the exception. The letter must be submitted to the office of the Registrar or Director of Student Services within seven business days of the unsatisfactory resolution. The exception request will be reviewed by the Academic Appeals Committee and the final decision will be communicated to the student.

### *Nonbinding Communications*

No oral or written communication made by any employee of SCS, including faculty, shall be binding on SCS without the express approval of the Board of Trustees and no contract is expressed or implied by this publication or any other SCS informational publication.

### *Changes to Operations*

SCS reserves the right to change at any time and without notice any aspect of its operations, including changes to personnel, programs, costs, policies, and procedures. Changes may affect faculty, staff, enrolled or prospective students, or some combination thereof, as the administration determines, and will be published as soon as practicable.

## **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

Southern California Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies at Southern California Seminary. Inquiries may also be directed to the San Francisco Office for Civil Rights.

Dr. Gino Pasquariello  
Provost, Chief Academic Officer  
Seminary Compliance Officer  
2075 East Madison Avenue  
El Cajon, CA 92019-1108  
compliance@socalsem.edu  
T: (619) 201-8965  
F: (619) 201-8961

San Francisco Office  
Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Education  
50 Beale Street, Suite 7200  
San Francisco, CA 94105-1813  
ocr.sanfrancisco@ed.gov  
T: (415) 486-5555  
F: (415) 486-5570  
TDD: (877) 521-2172

## **Statement of Accreditation**

Southern California Seminary is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) [15935 Forest Road, Forest, VA 24551; Telephone: 434.525.9539; e-mail: info@tracs.org] having been awarded Reaffirmation status as a Category IV institution by the TRACS Accreditation Commission on April 19, 2016; this status is effective for a period of ten years. TRACS is recognized by the United States Department of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE). All programs are approved for comprehensive distance (online) education.

The Southern California Seminary Graduate School of Bible and Theology is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools (www.ats.edu) and is approved to offer the following degrees: Master of Arts in Christian Ministries, Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, Master of Arts in Christian Counseling, Master of Arts (Biblical Studies), Master of Arts (Philosophy and Apologetics), Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry. Additionally, the above listed programs are also approved for comprehensive distance (online) education.

## **State Authorization of Distance Education**

Due to individual state regulations involving online education, Southern California Seminary admissions are not available for all degree programs in all states. Please consult with your Admissions contact to confirm that your desired program is available in your state of residence.

## **Filing a Complaint**

Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)

Any student who thinks his or her complaint was not handled appropriately may contact SCS' accrediting agency, TRACS, in writing via email at info@tracs.org or by mail at Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, P.O. Box 328, Forest, Virginia 24551.

California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE)

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) by calling (888) 370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained at [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov).

## **Approvals & Associations**

Shadow Mountain Community Church

Shadow Mountain Community Church, with Dr. David Jeremiah as Senior Pastor, is the home church of Southern California Seminary. However, while Shadow Mountain Community Church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, SCS is non-denominational.

California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

The California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) is a unit of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. The BPPE ensures that private institutions of postsecondary

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education are conducted lawfully. Southern California Seminary is a private institution that is approved by the Bureau.

Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may contact the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at (mailing address) P.O. Box 980818 West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818 or (physical address) 1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95834, [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov), toll-free telephone number (888) 370-7589 or by fax (916) 263-1897.

### California Board of Behavioral Science

The SCS Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology and Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy programs are approved by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. More information on this is located under the Academic Program description in this catalog.

### California Board of Psychology

The SCS Doctor of Psychology program is approved by the California Board of Psychology. More information on this is located under the Academic Program description in this catalog.

### San Diego MFT Consortium

SCS is a member of the San Diego MFT consortium, allowing counseling students to apply for county and state stipends used toward internship positions after graduation.

### State Authorizations for Online Education

Southern California Seminary manages and maintains a comprehensive database and filing system through the department of Institutional Effectiveness documenting the most current section codes, status, contact information, and correspondence history for each state providing documented evidence of compliance with each state's authorization requirements.

### Title IV Financial Aid

SCS is approved by the U.S. Department of Education for participation in all Title IV Student Assistance Programs.

### International Students

SCS is authorized under federal law to enroll eligible nonimmigrant alien students.

### US Military Chaplains

SCS is qualified to train eligible men and women to meet the academic requirements for service as chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces.

### Veterans Training

SCS is approved to train veterans under U.S. Code, Title 38. Veterans and dependents may be entitled to educational assistance payments from the Veterans Administration. SCS has been designated a Military-Friendly School by G.I. Jobs and SCS is a Yellow Ribbon School.

### Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Consortium

SCS is a member of SOC Consortium, which was created in 1972 to provide educational opportunities to servicemembers who, because they frequently moved from place to place, had trouble completing college degrees. SOC functions in cooperation with 15 higher education

associations, the Department of Defense, and Active and Reserve Components of the Military Services to expand and improve voluntary postsecondary education opportunities for servicemembers worldwide.

#### Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Partnership

SCS is a member of the DoD Voluntary Education Partnership which incorporates the President's Executive Order 13607, "Establishing Principles of Excellence for educational intuitions serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and Other Family Members."

#### *Associations & Consortiums*

##### Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

The Graduate School of Bible and Theology at Southern California Seminary is an Associate member of the The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) [10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15275-1110; Telephone: 412-788-6505]

SCS is a member of the following associations and/or consortium:

- American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)
- American Theological Library Association (ATLA)
- Association of Business Administrators of Christian Colleges (ABACC)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Christian Library Consortium (CLC)
- College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR)
- Higher Education Transfer Alliance (HETA)
- National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO)
- National Association of Foreign Student Advisors (NAFSA)
- Online Computer Library Center (OCLC)
- Southern California Area Theological Library Association (SCATLA)
- Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC)
- The MFT Consortium of California (MFT Consortium)

## Visiting Campus

Southern California Seminary's campus that is most easily reached by car. From the I-8 freeway, exit on Greenfield Drive and turn right (south). Proceed about 1 mile toward East Madison Avenue (2nd traffic light).

- Visitor parking is located in front of the Administration Building (B): 2075 E Madison Ave, El Cajon, CA 92019. At the light, turn right Madison Avenue and turn left into the second driveway on the left. Follow the drive up to the parking lot on the left. Handicapped spaces are marked.
- Student parking is located in the lower parking lots. At the light, cross Madison Avenue and turn right into the first driveway on the right. Student parking is plentiful in the lower lot. Parking along Greenfield Drive is also available.

Rooms on the SCS Campus are labeled according to a standard format. For example, Classroom G-310 is a code to identify Building G, 3rd Floor, Room 10. The Admissions Office is located in the office at the back of the lobby of the Administration Building (B) and they will be glad to direct you to the classrooms or to the offices of faculty and staff.



**Building A**  
Library  
A-100  
A-203  
A-204  
Meeting Room  
A-201  
Classroom  
A-202

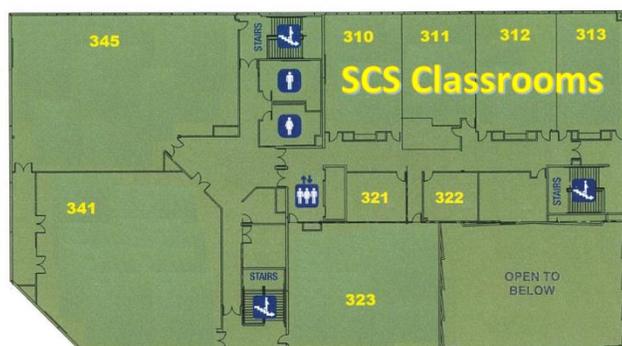
**Building B**  
Academics  
Bible & Theology  
Behavioral Sciences  
Administration  
Student Services  
Admissions  
Registrar  
Financial Aid

**Building C**  
North (Men's) Dormitory

**Building D**  
South (Women's) Dormitory  
Classrooms  
D-101  
D-102

**Building G**  
SMCC Generations Building  
(east campus) Classrooms  
G-310  
G-311  
G-312  
G-313  
Solid Rock Cafe

## Generations Building (G)

*Los Angeles Teaching Site*

The LA Teaching site is located in Koreatown near downtown Los Angeles, CA, about 140 miles from the El Cajon campus. Courses are offered in Bible and Theology and Behavioral Sciences. Courses are taught in a bilingual (Korean/English) format geared toward the Korean population.

## Admissions

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this Catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement. The Admissions counselor will help you apply for the degree program that is right for you and see that all entrance requirements are met.

The call to serve as a Christian leader comes from God Himself. You are expected to maintain the highest levels of biblical conviction and personal testimony as befitting the life style of a Christian servant-leader. Southern California Seminary reserves the right to dismiss any student who fails to conform to the seminary's code of conduct in its principles, policies or required procedures.

### State Authorization of Distance Education

Due to individual state regulations involving online education, Southern California Seminary admissions are not available for all degree programs in all states. Please consult with your Admissions contact to confirm that your desired program is available in your state of residence.

## Basic Admission Requirements

Admission to Southern California Seminary (SCS) is granted only to those applicants judged to be fully qualified. Students should contact the Admissions Office for direction on how to proceed as soon as they seriously contemplate studies at SCS. SCS may admit an applicant who does not meet the criteria if other factors warrant such action. SCS adheres to the guidelines set forth by the California Dream Act of 2011 related to admissions, financial aid, and other regulations related to undergraduate and graduate degree programs for undocumented and documented students who meet the requirements.

### *The College at SCS*

The following requirements are the minimum academic and character requirements for admission to The College at SCS. Additional requirements may be imposed for admission into a particular program:

1. Hold a high school diploma with not less than a 2.0 GPA, or GED, or state high school proficiency exam.
2. Have departed the last institution attended in good standing.

### *The Seminary*

The following requirements are the minimum academic and character requirements for admission to the Seminary. Behavioral Sciences programs have additional requirements:

1. Hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an approved college or university, normally including at least 60 units of liberal arts courses.
2. Have earned any previous degree with not less than a 2.5 GPA for Graduate Bible and Theology candidate; a 3.0 GPA for Graduate Behavioral Science candidate. (However, see Probationary Status for mitigating circumstances)
3. Have departed the last institution attended in good standing.

## **Admissions Application Process**

The application process is almost exclusively a digital event. Detailed instructions and access to downloadable forms can be found under Admissions on the SCS website: [socalsem.edu/admissions](http://socalsem.edu/admissions). All items listed in those instructions must be received by the Admissions Office before an application will be acted upon.

1. Complete the Application  
All candidates must complete the online application for their program of interest and submit it with payment of a corresponding application fee.
  - [Course Audit Application \(Non-Degree\)](#)
  - [Undergraduate \(AA, BA\)](#)
  - [Graduate Bible \(MACM, MAIS, MACC, MAPA, MABS, MDiv, Th.M\)](#)
  - [Graduate Behavioral \(MACP, MAMFT\)](#)
  - [Post-Graduate Bible \(DMin\)](#)
  - [Post-Graduate Behavioral \(PsyD\)](#)
  - [INTERNATIONAL - Undergraduate \(AA, BA\)](#)
  - [INTERNATIONAL - Grad Bible \(MACM, MAIS, MACC, MAPA, MABS, MDiv, Th.M\)](#)
  - [INTERNATIONAL - Graduate Behavioral \(MACP, MAMFT\)](#)
  - [INTERNATIONAL - Post-Graduate Bible \(DMin\)](#)
  - [INTERNATIONAL - Post-Graduate Behavioral \(PsyD\)](#)

Inactive students who were previously accepted and have not attended a class in more than one year must submit an abbreviated admission packet. Contact the Admissions Office for details. Veterans, active duty service members, and their dependents who will use veteran education and Tuition Assistance benefits must meet with the SCS Military & Benefits Coordinator for further details.

## 2. Provide Official Transcripts

Transcripts verify your academic standing at previous institutions, some of which charge a modest fee for providing this service. “*Official*” transcripts are deemed to be only those received from the sending institution in a sealed envelope, whether directly sent to SCS or delivered by the student, and/or electronically in the form of an eTranscript directly from the institution.

Each institution is free to exercise their own policies on how transcript are prepared, sent and if a fee is required. The request for transcripts and payment for same, if any, are solely the responsibility of the student.

SCS will evaluate transcripts based on current curriculum and admission requirements.

- Undergraduate program applicants—Must either “*self-declare*” their high school diploma, GED or high school equivalency on their FAFSA Application, or will be required to provide an “*official*” transcript for the high school from which they received their diploma, GED or high school equivalency.

Likewise, SCS will require “*official*” transcripts from any postsecondary institution for which the student might hope to receive transfer credit for undergraduate work previous completed. This includes institutions that have conferred an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree (AA or AS).

Also submit transcripts from CLEP exams and other academic work, including transcripts available as a result of military service.

- Graduate program applicants—Must submit “*official*” transcripts, according to the definition and constraints described in the “Undergraduate” section above, showing conference of a 4-year undergraduate degree.

Some programs have prerequisite undergraduate course requirements (i.e., Behavioral Sciences), “*official*” transcripts are also required from the institutions where those prerequisites were met.

Likewise, if any graduate level coursework is to be considered for transfer credit or advance standing an “*official*” transcript from that institution will be necessary.

- Postgraduate program applicants—*See Graduate program requirements above.*

## 3. Submission of Personal Essay(s)

An essay, or essays must be submitted by every applicant to SCS. The essays are personal in nature, specific to the program being pursued and related to your personal testimony of faith. Detailed specifics for these essays may be found on the Admissions website: [socialsem.edu/admissions-essay-instructions](http://socialsem.edu/admissions-essay-instructions).

## 4. Provide a Reference

Graduate applicants only, must provide a Pastoral/Chaplain reference, or the professional equivalent of same. The responder should have known the applicant for at least one year. The candidate will be required to provide reference contact information during the application process, and that reference will receive electronic access to an electronic reference form to complete.

SCS will not act on an application until all required documents are received or the applicant has made special arrangements with the Admissions Office.

## 5. Background Check

Applicants who have a *felony conviction* in their background, are required to submit to a criminal background check. There is no cost for this process, but the candidate will be required to submit a Background Check Consent Form.

A criminal history does not disqualify any applicant, but may place some restriction(s) on things such as dorm residency, etc. SCS considers each applicant's criminal background on a case-by-case basis, and in the strictest of privacy.

6. Interview with the Academic Dean

Each applicant will be required to complete a brief interview with their program Dean. This may be done either in person or over the phone, at the Dean's preference (online students living outside of normal driving distance to SCS will always do phone interviews).

## Verification of Student Identity

The Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act 2008 (HEOA) requires that processes be established to ensure that the student registering for a course is the same student participating in the course. Institutions are required to use one of the following three methods for identity verification: a secure login and pass code, proctored examinations, and new or other technologies and practices that effectively verify student identity.

### *Admissions Identity Verification*

During the admissions process, students are required to produce a government issued ID (state ID or driver's license, passport, military ID, etc.) and participate in an in-person or online (via Zoom) interview.

### *Student Network Account*

SCS, in compliance with HEOA concerning the verification of student identity, issues each new student, upon acceptance to the Seminary, a secure student network account (for SCS email, use of school computers and remote access to the library's databases).

Upon acceptance to the Seminary, the IT department creates a secure student network account for the student. The username is usually the initial of the student's first name appended to the last name and the year of admission: jsmith21. Students are directed to change the temporary password to something that is secure and which they will remember. This username and password will be how the seminary verifies the student's identity when they attempt to gain access to their secure account information, SCS computers, email, and remote access to the library's databases.

### *Populi (LMS)*

In addition to the SCS assigned network login, each student is given a unique username and password to access Populi which is a web-based learning management system (LMS) used for class registration, access to student records and to enrolled courses. In order to ensure the security and privacy of student information, students are instructed to keep track of both usernames and passwords in a secure location and do not reveal their information to anyone.

### *Online Identity Verification and Academic Honesty*

Students are given a unique username and password for Populi (which has also implemented a 2-way authentication protocol); and students are encouraged by Student Services to upload a current picture. If a Populi password needs to be reset, students should contact the Registrar, who verifies student identity through the supply of two security questions, before sending a reset password link to the personal email provided during the admissions process.

Each student will be required to read and submit an online confirmation in the first week of each course verifying that all the assignments in the course will be completed by the registered student and will consist of the student's personal, unique work. See also *Academic Catalog*, "Academic Integrity."

## **Admission Status**

Admission status is important because of the conditions the student must work under as he or she proceeds through the academic program. Within two weeks of receiving all required documentation, SCS will determine whether or not to accept the applicant and will send the applicant written notification of the decision. Accepted applicants are admitted with one of the following student statuses.

### **Full Status**

Those students who meet all conditions of admission are considered full status.

### **Conditional Status**

Those students who do not meet all requirements for admission may be admitted on a conditional basis where other factors indicate the applicant is qualified. Reasons for conditional status may be the delay of the applicant's references or transcripts. These students may enter a degree program but must satisfy all requirements for admissions by the end of the first trimester of enrollment before being permitted to continue their enrollment. When the admission file is complete, the conditional status will be changed to full status and the student may register for later courses.

### **Ability to Benefit Status**

Applicants who did not graduate from high school in the United States must demonstrate their ability to benefit from a postsecondary program of study by their performance in the following series of three standardized tests.

Arithmetic	34 points
Reading Comprehension	55 points
Sentence Skills	60 points

Tests are taken in the order indicated and a passing score is required in the first test to take the second test, and in the second test to take the third test. All three tests must be successfully passed to demonstrate ability to benefit. If necessary, the applicant may retest after two weeks. Retesting must be in all three tests. Only one retest is allowed.

Ability to benefit applicants are strongly urged to prepare for testing by using study aids such as:

- ACCUPLACER Study Guide from the Study Guide Zone.
- ACCUPLACER Sample Questions for Students.

New students who have sufficient competency to benefit from education at SCS, but do not have a high school diploma or an equivalent (such as GED), may be eligible to enroll at SCS. Students enrolling on an ability-to-benefit basis may also be eligible for financial aid (Title IV funds) through a combination of ATB alternatives and by enrolling in an eligible career pathway program.

### Special Status

If a student does not currently meet the requirements for admission, the student may be admitted as a special status student. This student may enter a degree program but must satisfy all requirements for admissions by the end of the first trimester of enrollment before being permitted to continue enrollment. When the admission requirements are complete, the special status will be changed to full status and the student may register for later courses.

### Auditor Status

Any student may take courses for no credit at reduced tuition. An auditor attends all class meetings, receives class handouts, and is encouraged to participate in class discussions, but is not required to do the course homework or to take exams. No credit is earned for auditing a course and auditing does not affect the student's GPA or satisfy any graduation requirements.

Auditors may seek to earn credit for a modular course before its second session or for a trimester course before its third week provided all course work to that point has been done on time (including taking exams); the professor agrees; normal entrance requirements have been met; and normal tuition has been paid. A course taken for credit cannot be converted to an audit course, for example, to remove an undesirable grade.

### Probationary Status

If an undergraduate or graduate Bible student's academic record would normally prevent attendance at SCS, he/she may be admitted on academic probation. If the student's academic record shows less than a 2.0 GPA, he/she will be required to take courses to remedy the deficiency. Probationary status will be changed to full status when he/she completes 12 units of work with not less than a 2.0 CGPA. Failure to meet the required 2.0 CGPA after completing 12 units of work may result in an Academic Dismissal.

If a Behavioral Science graduate student's academic record would normally prevent attendance at SCS, he/she may be admitted on probationary status. Probationary status will be changed to full status when the student completes 12 units of work with not less than a 3.0 CGPA. Failure to meet the required 3.0 CGPA after completing 12 units of work may result in an Academic Dismissal.

### Non-degree Status

Students who do not intend to earn a degree from SCS may apply for Non-degree Status. From this admission status the student may apply for full admission to the Seminary and apply the units he has earned toward the degree. The rules for transfer credit will be applied to determine the acceptance of credit.

## **International Student Admission**

SCS admits eligible international students with F-1 visas. International applicants must do the following to apply for admission.

1. Submit a completed application with the current non-refundable application fee.
2. Fulfill all normal Admissions requirements for the program to which they are applying.
3. Provide proof of sufficient financial support.

4. Submit a 1-2 page statement about how you became a Christian and a 1-2 page statement explaining your reasons for enrolling at SCS, such as your ministry interests and plans.
5. Submit required references.

SCS should receive all parts of an international application no later than six months before the beginning of the trimester in which the applicant wishes to begin studies. The Admissions Office will thoroughly review the application and notify the applicant of its decision. For more information pertinent to International Students: <https://www.socalsem.edu/admissions/international-students/>.

Upon notification of formal acceptance at SCS, Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status will be sent to the student at no charge. The student must go online and pay the SEVIS I-901 fee. Student can pay online with a credit card at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com) and then set up an appointment with the consulate office for the interview and F-1 student visa. The student must then deposit \$1,000 (U.S. dollars, refundable) with SCS to be applied toward the first trimester's tuition and registration prior to arrival at SCS.

SCS will not be responsible for student's medical or hospitalization expenses. If the student does not have proof of coverage at the time of registration, he or she will not be allowed to attend classes. The student may get information about health insurance from the International Admissions Office.

## **International Student Admission - Bible & Theology or Behavioral Sciences Bilingual (Korean/English) Programs**

Applicants for the Korean Bible and Theology or Korean Behavioral Sciences Bilingual Programs will follow the same application process as in the English programs. Applicants for Korean Bible and Theology are required to write one statement which includes the student's personal history, ministry interests and purpose for studying at SCS (2-4 pages) and are to be submitted in Korean for evaluation. Applicants for Korean Behavioral Sciences are required to write two statements: the student's personal history (1-2 pages) and ministry interests and purpose for studying at SCS (1-2 pages) and are to be submitted in Korean for evaluation. The student's Korean language proficiency and overall academic standing will be evaluated. Upon acceptance, Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status will be sent to the student.

## **Demonstrate English Language Proficiency**

All applicants and enrolled students whose primary language is not English and who desire to take courses taught in English must demonstrate English language proficiency, regardless of citizenship. Such students must complete English language assessment before registering for courses taught in English.

Applicants are exempt from English language proficiency assessment when any one of the following is true:

- Undergraduates: Test of English as a Foreign language (TOEFL) score of 80-90 iBT or higher and a satisfactory Test of Written English (TWE), each taken not more than two years prior to the date of application.

- Graduate: A TOEFL score of 90-100 iBT or higher and a satisfactory Test of Written English (TWE), each taken not more than two years prior to the date of application.
- Doctoral Studies program: Minimum Total score 100-110.
- The applicant holds an undergraduate or graduate degree from an American college or university deemed acceptable by SCS. The applicant did not enroll in a non-English degree program only.
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- Applicants with a satisfactory assessment score may continue matriculation and take courses as soon as enrollment is completed. Applicants with an unsatisfactory assessment score are prohibited from registering for courses taught in a language other than their native language until adequate preparatory studies are successfully completed.

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SCS may require language assessment as a condition for admission or continuation and reserves the right to make the final determination in such cases. Students who fail to show sufficient mastery of English (or other subjects) will be required to do further preparatory work until ready to begin their studies.

## Evaluation of Prior Coursework or Experience

The Registrar's Office evaluates prior coursework, testing, and experience to determine appropriate course equivalency, placement, and standing.

### High School Advanced Placement Exams

Applicants for an undergraduate program who achieve a score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement examinations will be awarded academic credit, but only for applicable classes. The following tests apply.

<u>Advanced Placement Title</u>	<u>SCS Course</u>
English Language	EN-101
English Literature	EN-102
European History, U.S. History, World History	HI-210
Government and Politics: U.S.	HI-220
Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics	MA-120
Environmental Science, Adv. Biology	NS-110
Art History	FA-101, MU-201
Psychology	PY-101

### Credit by Examination

Credits earned at institutions not approved by SCS and credits earned for prior training may be transferred based on validation by examination. At the undergraduate level, you may submit College Level Examination Program (CLEP) examination scores to earn college credit.

### CLEP Examinations

Lower division General Education credit may be awarded for successful completion of the CLEP General Examinations. To receive transfer credit, the course tested for must match content of courses at SCS. Courses eligible to be transferred in this way are listed below. Each eligible course has a minimum score of 50 and is worth 3 credit hours. If a student meets the threshold score to earn 6 units of English, this would transfer for both EN-101 and EN-102 (6 units).

<u>CLEP Subject Area</u>	<u>SCS Course</u>
American Government	HI-220
American Literature	EN-102
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	EN-102
Biology	NS-110
Calculus	MA-120
Chemistry	NS-110
College Algebra	MA-120
College Composition Modular	EN-101
College Mathematics	MA-120
Educational Psychology	PY-101
English Comp with Essay	EN-101
English Literature	EN-102
Financial Accounting	MA-120
French Language (Levels 1 and 2)	Elementary Greek (Levels 1 and 2)
Natural Sciences	NS-110
German Language (Levels 1 and 2)	Elementary Greek (Levels 1 and 2)
History of the United States I	HI-210
History of the United States II	HI-210
Human Growth and Development	SS-330
Humanities	PH-101 or RE-403
Information Systems	Elective
Introduction to Educational Psychology	PY-101
Introduction to Psychology	PY-101
Introduction to Sociology	SS-203
Introductory Business Law	Elective
Pre-Calculus	MA-120
Principles of Management	PM-307
Principles of Marketing	PM-307
Principles of Macroeconomics	PM-307
Principles of Microeconomics	PM-307
Social Sciences and History	SS-203
Spanish Language (Levels 1 and 2)	Elementary Greek (Levels 1 and 2)
Western Civilization I	HI-210
Western Civilization II	HI-210

### DSST (Dantes Subject Standardized Tests)

Lower division General Education credit may be awarded for successful completion of DSST testing. To receive transfer credit, the course tested for must match content of courses at SCS as shown in the following table.

<u>DSST Subject Area</u>	<u>SCS Course</u>
Business	MA-120
Humanities	PH-101, RE-403
Natural Science	NS-110
Social Science	PY-101, SS-203, SS-321

### Credit by Transfer

Students may transfer up to 45 units into the Associate of Arts program and up to 90 units into the Bachelor of Arts program. Credits must have been earned with a grade of C or higher. SCS may accept for transfer into a graduate program up to 20 percent of credits earned with a grade of B or higher at approved graduate institutions. The number of units accepted by SCS will be decided on a case basis by an Academic Dean. Calculation of the student's GPA will not include the grades for courses transferred in.

The process for evaluating transfer credits begins when the Admissions Office receives the student's official transcripts, which must arrive before the end of the first trimester of studies. Failure to ensure timely arrival of transcripts will prevent the student from continuing at SCS.

Evaluations are based on the appropriateness of content level and credit value. Biblical and theological courses must be equivalent in quality and theological perspective and must be at least 75 percent parallel based on the course description. In some cases the Registrar may require you to provide the course syllabus and a catalog with the course description so an informed decision can be made. The Academic Dean will make the final decision whether to award transfer credit.

Not more than 15 units will be accepted from non-accredited colleges unless SCS has an articulation agreement with the institution. A maximum of 15 units may be transferred from correspondence schools and Accelerated Christian Education college courses.

Transfer credits applied to a lesser degree may not be counted again to apply to a higher degree. The passage of time is not a factor when determining the transferability of credits. Any credits that were earned outside the United States must be verified by a recognized evaluator, and the student must pay for the verification service.

### AA-BA Transfer

SCS will accept an accredited Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree in whole if it contains the minimum number of general education courses, is from an accredited school, and includes at least 60 units. This is known as the AA-BA transfer program. The Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies would then be completed upon the completion of 69 units of Biblical Studies, Bible, Theology, and Emphasis courses.

### Military Service Evaluation

At no charge, SCS will evaluate prior military experience to award credit. Evaluation is non-appealable and will be based upon the recommendations of the American Council of Education (ACE) guidebook, *A Guide to the Evaluation of the Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*. Military applicants must their Joint Service Transcript (JST). This document is available, applicants must submit a copy of their DD-214, 2-1,

2A, or DD-295 for evaluation. Only undergraduate general education units can be awarded for military service.

## **Course Substitution**

SCS permits course substitution in some situations. Contact the Admissions Office for more information.

### **Undergraduates**

Secular evolutionary science courses may not be substituted for NS-203 Scientific Models of Origins, but may qualify as an elective. A hermeneutics course may not be substituted for BH-103 Biblical Interpretation unless it was taught from a dispensational viewpoint, but it may qualify as an elective.

### **Graduates**

A minimal number of undergraduate courses may be substituted for a Bible and Theology graduate course in limited situations. It is at the discretion of the Dean to evaluate whether an undergraduate course could meet criteria for a graduate degree and the typical maximum allowed is 6 units. When undergraduate courses do not qualify for advanced graduate standing or the maximum number of units has been applied, a student may be permitted to take electives in place of required courses. The Dean, or authorized representative, holds authority to approve or deny a course as a substitute for required courses in the degree. A hermeneutics or systems of theology course may not be substituted for BH-501 Hermeneutics or TH-508 Comparative Systems of Theology unless it was taught from a dispensational viewpoint as determined by the Dean. No undergraduate courses may be substituted for graduate Behavioral Sciences courses.

## **Credit by Challenge**

SCS permits credit by challenge at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Petition to earn credit by challenge by submitting an online Course Change Form (see Online Student Forms).

### **Undergraduates**

Petition to earn credit by challenge. If the petition is approved, you must pay the normal tuition and fees and take a comprehensive oral and/or written examination. You may not challenge a course that you have failed or withdrawn from. Upon successful challenge with a grade of C or higher, you will be given full credit for the course.

### **Graduates**

Petition to earn credit by challenge. Full credit for course may be earned by completing a comprehensive oral and/or written examination with a grade of C or higher for Graduate Bible and Theology and B or higher for Behavioral Sciences. If the petition is approved, you must pay the normal tuition and fees and receive the grade achieved with the exam.

## **Transfer Credit (Graduate Programs)**

In order for a course to count as a transfer credit it must have been completed from an accredited school. You must have earned the grade of C for undergraduate or B for graduate in the course. A student may not transfer more than 20% of the units required for a graduate-level degree. A course may not be transferred if it was already used in a conferred degree. Only courses from non-conferred degrees qualify to be transferred.

## **Advanced Standing Credit (Graduate Programs)**

A course may be given credits as *Advanced Standing*, which would recognize the student's competency in the course material by receiving a grade notation of A or A- and reduce the number of credits of the entire degree. For a student to receive advanced standing for a course, the student must demonstrate evidence of exceptional competency in the material through past education or experience and this decision is at the sole discretion of the academic dean or delegated representative. Advanced Standing will be used sparingly, also considering whether the full degree remains at an acceptable total unit count and meets qualifications by any related licensing boards.

## **Degree Equivalency (Graduate Programs)**

In the case of advanced graduate degree programs, such as the MDiv and Th.M, a student who has completed a lower credit count Master of Arts degree program in Biblical Studies, Theology, Christian Education, or other ministry related field may request to have their degree evaluated by the Academic Dean to see if degree equivalency credit can be applied. Qualifying degrees may allow a student to apply credits from the earned degree toward a reduction of the final unit count for the advanced degree program. This is done on a case-by-case basis and requires individual evaluation based on such factors as: 1) the total number of completed units for the earned degree; 2) the total number of required units for the advanced graduate degree; 3) the comparability of units between the earned graduate degree and the advanced graduate degree; and 4) the institution where the earned graduate degree was awarded. At the Academic Dean's discretion, degree equivalency may even be applied where a graduate degree was not earned, but where a sufficient number of units were completed to satisfy the requirements for an earned graduate degree.

## **Articulation Agreements**

The Seminary has articulation agreements with the following institutions.

- Calvary Chapel Bible College
- Equip Biblical Institute
- Life Transforming College International

## **Readmission**

The readmission process depends on the circumstances surrounding the student's departure and the length of time during which courses were not attended. With regard to non-attendance affecting readmission, the following rules apply.

- A student will lose admission status and subjection to their governing catalog when he or she does not complete a course within any two consecutive trimesters.
- A student who has lost admission status may regain it and remain under the original governing catalog by completing a course held during the third consecutive trimester.
- A student who has lost his or her admission status and continues inactive for three consecutive trimesters may regain the former admission status, but not subjection to the former governing catalog, by submitting an abbreviated application for readmission to SCS. If readmitted, the student will be subject to the catalog then current.

- A student who has lost his or her admission status and continues inactive for six consecutive trimesters will lose admission status and subjection to their governing catalog. The student may continue studies at SCS only by making application as if he or she were a new student. If readmitted, the student will be subject to the catalog then current.

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Each student will be required to read and submit an online confirmation in the first week of each course verifying that all the assignments in the course will be completed by the registered student and will consist of the student's personal, unique work. See also Academic Catalog, "Academic Integrity."

## **New Student Orientation**

New Student Orientation (NSO) is a vital event in the lives of SCS students and is required for every new student. The purpose of orientation is to promote student success by introducing entering freshmen, transfer students, and new graduate students to the intellectual, cultural, social, and spiritual climate of Southern California Seminary. An online NSO course is available every module through our learning management system called Populi. You will automatically be added to the NSO in your first module and you will see this course listed in your Populi Dashboard alongside your other courses. Please take the time to complete the course so that you will have the information and skills necessary for success during your time here as a student here at SCS. An on-campus NSO may also be available for new students living in San Diego County (see Academic Calendar). The goals of orientation are:

1. Introduce students to SCS personnel and campus facilities, including the library.
2. Provide students with a working knowledge of all technology used on the campus—including Populi (LMS & SIS), Outlook email, and use of the website—and their logon and passwords to access it.
3. Provide students with their academic status upon entry (or re-entry) to SCS through a summary of any transfer courses from other colleges and their beginning degree audit.
4. Explain the concepts of governing catalog, degree audits, and progress toward graduation.

## Academic Calendar

The Seminary presents the Academic Calendar in good faith expecting, if it please God, for it to come to pass. However, the Seminary reserves the right to amend academic calendars at its discretion. The Seminary will publish any changes as soon as possible.

The academic year continues year-round from September 1 through August 31. It is composed of fall, spring, and summer trimesters. Each trimester is composed of two modules. Generally, 3- unit courses are designed to fit within a module (7 sessions in length) or a trimester (14 sessions in length). The start and stop dates of module courses do not fall precisely at the start and stop dates of every other month, but the table approximates how the academic year is set.

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Fall Trimester				Spring Trimester				Summer Trimester			
Module 1		Module 2		Module 3		Module 4		Module 5		Module 6	

A standard module course will meet seven times and a trimester course will meet fourteen times. In some cases, such as internships and one-, two-, or four-unit courses, the number of sessions may be non-standard. See the course syllabus for details.

### On-Campus Courses

On-campus course sessions last seven days (Monday through Sunday) and meet on the scheduled weekday and time each week of the module as defined by the course schedule and the syllabus. In special circumstances, courses may be scheduled on Friday and/or Saturday. *All courses* will begin on the same Monday and end on the same Sunday. Courses do not stop for holidays observed by the campus (see Academic Calendar or course syllabus). For example, module 1 begins on Labor Day. So, Module 1 courses scheduled to meet on Mondays will be expected to interact with all material posted online, which may include video/audio from a previous offering of the course. Module course sessions normally last three hours. Courses in the Behavioral Sciences typically last up to six hours.

### Online Only Courses

Online course sessions last seven days (Monday through Sunday) of each week. Online courses do not stop for holidays observed by the campus (see Academic Calendar or course syllabus). *All courses* will begin on the same Monday and end on the same Sunday for that module.

### Blended Courses

SCS' blended learning approach allows students to enjoy a consistent learning experience from anywhere in the world. Campus Students and Online Students are able to receive the best education both formats have to offer. A blended course combines online and onsite students in the same Populi course. *All courses* will begin on the same Monday and end on the same Sunday. More interaction and video options are available for onsite students and online students have access to audio or video recordings of the live classroom lectures.

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## Academic Calendar 2022-23

September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

### FALL TRIMESTER 2022

Early registration (no fee) ..... Ju1 11–Jul 31  
 Registration Mod 1 (fee) ..... Aug 1–Aug 28  
 Registration Mod 2 (fee) ..... Aug 1–Oct 23  
 New Student Orientation ..... Aug 27 & Online  
 Labor Day, *Seminary closed* ..... Sep 5  
 Winter graduation, petition for, ends ..... Sep 30  
 Thanksgiving, *Seminary closed* ..... Nov 24–25  
 Christmas Eve, *Seminary closed* ..... Dec 23–26  
 New Year's Eve, *Sem. closed* ..... Dec 30–Jan 2

#### MODULE 1

Course materials available ..... Aug 22  
 All courses begin ..... Monday, Sep 5  
 All courses end ..... Sunday, Oct 23

#### MODULE 2

Course materials available ..... Oct 17  
 All courses begin ..... Monday, Oct 31  
 All courses end ..... Sunday, Dec 18

### SPRING TRIMESTER 2023

Early registration (no fee) ..... Oct 31–Dec 4  
 Registration Mod 3 (fee) ..... Dec 5–Jan 1  
 Registration Mod 4 (fee) ..... Dec 5–Feb 26  
 New Student Orientation ..... Online  
 Spring graduation, petition for, ends ..... Jan 27  
 Spring Break, *Seminary open* ..... Apr 3–5  
 Spring Break, *Seminary closed* ..... Apr 6–7  
 Grad Rehearsal & Banquet (tentative) . May 12  
 Commencement (tentative) ..... May 13

#### MODULE 3

Course materials available ..... Dec 26  
 All courses begin ..... Monday, Jan 9  
 All courses end ..... Sunday, Feb 26

#### MODULE 4

Course materials available ..... Feb 20  
 All courses begin ..... Monday, Mar 6  
 All courses end ..... Sunday, Apr 30

### SUMMER TRIMESTER 2023

Early registration (no fee) ..... Mar 6–Apr 9  
 Registration Mod 5 (fee) ..... Apr 10–May 7  
 Registration Mod 6 (fee) ..... Apr 10–Jul 2

New Student Orientation ..... Online  
 Memorial Day, *Seminary closed* ..... May 29  
 Independence Day, *Seminary closed* ..... Jul 4

#### MODULE 5

Course materials available ..... May 1  
 All courses begin ..... Monday, May 15  
 All courses end ..... Sunday, July 2

#### MODULE 6

Course materials available ..... Jun 26  
 All courses begin ..... Monday, Jul 10  
 All courses end ..... Sunday, Aug 27

#### COURSE SCHEDULING FOR 2022-23

*All courses* begin on the same Monday and end on the same Sunday.

**On-ground classes** meet on their scheduled weekday and time each week of the module as defined by the professor in the syllabus.

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## Academic Calendar 2023-24

September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

### FALL TRIMESTER 2023

Early registration (no fee) ..... Jul 10–Jul 30  
Registration Mod 1 (fee)..... Jul 31–Aug 27  
Registration Mod 2 (fee)..... Jul 31–Oct 22  
New Student Orientation ..... Online  
Labor Day, *Seminary closed*..... Sep 4  
Winter graduation, petition for, ends ..... Sep 29  
Thanksgiving, *Seminary closed* ..... Nov 23–24  
Christmas Eve, *Seminary closed*..... Dec 22–25  
New Year’s Eve, *Sem. closed* ..... Dec 29–Jan 1

#### MODULE 1

Course materials available ..... Aug 21  
All courses begin ..... Monday, Sep 4  
All courses end..... Sunday, Oct 22

#### MODULE 2

Course materials available ..... Oct 16  
All courses begin ..... Monday, Oct 30  
All courses end..... Sunday, Dec 17

### SPRING TRIMESTER 2024

Early registration (no fee) ..... Oct 30–Dec 3  
Registration Mod 3 (fee)..... Dec 4–Dec 31  
Registration Mod 4 (fee)..... Dec 4–Feb 25  
New Student Orientation ..... Online  
Spring graduation, petition for, ends..... Jan 26  
Spring Break, *Seminary open* ..... Mar 25–27  
Spring Break, *Seminary closed* ..... Mar 28–29  
Graduation Rehearsal & Banquet (tntv)... May 3  
Commencement (tentative)..... May 4

#### MODULE 3

Course materials available ..... Dec 25  
All courses begin ..... Monday, Jan 8  
All courses end..... Sunday, Feb 25

#### MODULE 4

Course materials available ..... Feb 19  
All courses begin ..... Monday, Mar 4  
All courses end..... Sunday, Apr 28

### SUMMER TRIMESTER 2024

Early registration (no fee) ..... Apr 4–Apr 7  
Registration Mod 5 (fee)..... Apr 8–May 5  
Registration Mod 6 (fee)..... Apr 8–June 30  
New Student Orientation ..... Online  
Memorial Day, *Seminary closed*..... May 27  
Independence Day, *Seminary closed* ..... Jul 4

#### MODULE 5

Course materials available ..... Apr 29  
All courses begin ..... Monday, May 13  
All courses end..... Sunday, June 30

#### MODULE 6

Course materials available ..... June 24  
All courses begin ..... Monday, Jul 8  
All courses end..... Sunday, Aug 25

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# Enrollment Services

## Registrar's Office Services

The Registrar's Office is located in the Administration Building, Room E 30, just to the right of the lobby entrance. The Registrar oversees your entire educational record for the duration of your enrollment. This includes the following items:

1. Posting of the courses offered by trimester
2. Your registration in courses
3. Your grades received in these courses
4. Your academic standing by trimester
5. Maintenance of your degree audit
6. Any forms, petitions, letters, etc., that are a part of your student record
7. Your physical and electronic student files
8. Scheduling of all graduation services including regalia, commencement and the following reception
9. Adherence to deadlines required
10. Compliance with all Federal and state laws in the storage of your student records
11. Releasing your transcripts upon your authorization
12. Releasing Certificates of Enrollment or Graduation upon your authorization

## Registration

Registration is the process of enrolling in one or more upcoming courses. Students receive credit only for the courses for which they have registered. Registration is not complete until tuition and fees have been paid or special arrangements have been made with the Student Accounts Manager. Crashing a course (taking a course without having first registered) and registering for a course after it has begun are prohibited. Students are notified when a course is canceled so that they may reschedule without added cost.

### *Enrolling in Courses*

The Registrar oversees all enrollments at the Seminary, which includes adding and dropping courses. There are two ways to register for classes:

1. Online self-enrollment during Open Registration weeks.
2. Submitting an online Course Change form (see Online Student Forms) after Open Registration weeks.

Selecting a class for enrollment is based upon: (1) the degree program you are in, (2) the governing catalog, and (3) what courses are being offered in the trimester. SCS provides you with the following resources. Each student has a "degree audit" available through Populi for their major which lists every class needed and their unit value to earn the degree. Your term of acceptance into the degree determines which Catalog will govern the classes needed for the degree, for example the Catalog for the academic year 2018-19. A roster of courses being offered is prepared approximately six months ahead of the term with changes possible along the way. It is made

available approximately seven weeks prior to the start of a trimester. In addition, SCS has Academic Advisors (the director for the program you are enrolled in) who will assist you with any questions that you may have in making a course selection. All of this will help you select the appropriate courses in a timely manner to complete your degree as soon as possible without detours along the way.

### *Trimester Enrollment*

Students enroll in courses for each trimester, which is three times a year. For example, in the Fall Trimester, you would enroll in courses offered in both modules 1 and 2. An Academic Calendar is provided in this Catalog for your overview so that you are aware of the coming deadlines.

You must have already been accepted by the Admissions Department to enroll in courses. Consult the Admission portion of the Catalog for assistance in this area. If you are admitted in an even module (2, 4 or 6) then you would only enroll in courses for that one module in that trimester.

### *Registration Online*

Students can register for classes during the designated enrollment period by logging into Populi, going to My Profile and clicking the Registration view. Note: this view is only visible during the registration period.

### *Student Enrollment Agreement*

Registration includes completing a Student Enrollment Agreement that will list the educational services that SCS agrees to provide the student, along with the locations where instruction is held. The student enrollment agreement also includes various rights and responsibilities incumbent upon the student and SCS as provided in law, including the statement, *The student has the right to cancel and obtain a refund of charges paid through attendance at the first class session (or through the end of the first week of class ending on a Sunday) or the seventh day after enrollment (if enrollment is done prior to the start of the class), whichever is later. A class session lasts seven days (Monday through Sunday) of each week. Notice of cancellation shall be in writing. Please follow the details listed in our Withdrawal Policy section.*

### *Other Processes Needed Once Enrolled*

1. Obtain and finalize financial aid by completing the FAFSA, meeting with the Financial Aid Department, and officially accepting your financial aid award. Any and all scholarship forms must be submitted at the same time as your enrollment. Scholarship forms are available the SCS website.
2. Settling your student account with the Student Accounts Department. Your account must be current as payment is expected at the time of enrollment. You do have the option of working out a payment plan with this office.

## Registration Deadlines

Enrollment periods and their deadlines are stated precisely in the Academic Calendar for a given year, e.g. 2019-20, based on the following guidelines. All registration time periods are adjusted so that holidays or unusual events do not prevent orderly registration.

- *Early Registration* is a seven-day period of time (Monday through Sunday) that begins six weeks before the first day of the trimester. During this period of time, the fee for registration is waived for all students who enroll.
- *Open Registration* begins the Monday after Early Registration closes and lasts another four weeks (Monday through Sunday). During this period, the fee for registration is charged to all students who enroll for the first time (the fee in 2019-20 is \$170.00).
- *Schedule adjustments for already enrolled students.* Students may add classes or change delivery methods through the end of open registration without any add/change fees. Adding classes or changing delivery methods after open registration may only be allowed under specific circumstances and add/change fees will apply. Students may drop classes through the first week of class without any drop fees. Drop fees will apply for any drops after the first week of class.
- *No Registration Period* begins one week before the first day of the trimester and applies to all students who have not yet met the above deadlines.

## Concurrent Enrollment

Concurrent enrollment exists when a student is enrolled simultaneously at SCS and another school.

### *Concurrent Enrollment Policy (External institutions)*

Concurrent enrollment refers to taking courses at an external institution—a community college, college, university, or seminary while also enrolled in classes at SCS. Classes taken while concurrently enrolled may be considered for application toward your degree requirements at Southern California Seminary providing they represent at least 3 semester hours of credit and are earned from an accredited institution and meet the SCS transfer requirements.

Additionally, the student must do the following:

- Maintain a term GPA and cumulative GPA at SCS as follows:
  - Bible College 2.0 and above
  - Graduate Bible & Theology 2.0 and above
  - Graduate Behavioral Sciences 3.0 and above
  - Doctoral Level 3.0 and above
- Notify the Registrar's Office in writing or email for each trimester he/she plans to remain concurrent enrollment.

Upon successful completion of your course(s), you must have an official transcript (with the completed course included) sent to the Registrar. This process can take several weeks; we recommend that you request the transcripts as soon as you complete the course(s).

You are responsible for determining that the external institution's course(s) will satisfy the degree requirement for which it is intended. You may want to check with your program dean about transferability of the course(s) before declaring concurrent enrollment.

### *Concurrent Enrollment Policy (High school students)*

High school students with a minimum 3.0 GPA who are interested in concurrent enrollment must submit a Petition for Concurrent Enrollment showing parental/guardian approval, along with their application to SCS and will be limited to 6-units per trimester. In addition to completing the SCS Admissions process, the following items must be submitted: Petition for Concurrent Enrollment and Official High School Transcript. The FERPA release form (see Online Student Forms) must be completed at the time of enrollment.

### *Concurrent Enrollment Policy (Undergraduate students in graduate programs)*

Undergraduate students who desire to enroll in graduate level courses at SCS must:

- Maintain a term GPA and cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Be in their senior year of undergraduate studies;
- Receive approval from the Dean of the undergraduate program he/she is in as well as the Dean of the graduate program in which he/she is desiring to enroll in classes.

## **Course Schedules**

Course offerings and schedules for upcoming trimesters are made available for students in Populi>My Profile>Registration Tab as soon as enrollment for that particular trimester is opened. Course schedules are also available in our school website: <https://www.socalsem.edu/course-schedule-syllabi/>. Upon enrollment, the student will have access to the course syllabus which also includes textbook information. To select courses to enroll in, please refer to your degree audit which you can find in Populi>My Profile>Student Tab>Degree Audit Tab. For additional help in course selection and degree pathway, please contact your student advisor.

Because most of our students do not fit the traditional mold of an incoming student with no prior post-high school education, it is not always possible to offer every course needed by every student. The Academic Department devises these rosters of courses with rotations of offerings annually and biannually. Some courses are offered more frequently as they are core classes in certain degrees.

Most course sessions are held Monday through Thursday, 4:00–7:00 p.m. and 7:00–10:00 p.m. Exceptions are made when a course has unusual needs. SCS also offers undergraduate Bible program courses during the daytime on Mondays from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and from 12:30–3:30 p.m.

### *Academic Advising and Course Selection*

Academic advising refers to the academic counsel students may receive from time to time as they work through their degree programs. Your Academic Advisor (the director for the program you are

enrolled in) knows the course progression for each degree and what trimesters or modules courses will be offered. By working with your Academic Advisor, you will know which courses to take and when so that you will efficiently pursue your degree. Your Academic Advisor works in cooperation with your Program Dean and Registrar. When the Registrar finds a problem with a student's course enrollment form that cannot be resolved based on established policy, the Academic Advisor will be called on to resolve it. The Academic Advisor will ensure that the courses you have chosen will support your educational and career goals.

You may also want to meet with your Academic Advisor to review the degree audits most compatible with your educational and career goals. Some degrees offer minors, concentrations and/or emphases. Work in cooperation with the Registrar's Office to assure that we have your desired degree audit in place.

### Student Responsibilities

Although the Seminary offers all of this support, the student has the primary responsibility for planning and meeting the requirements of the chosen degree in order to graduate successfully. SCS does not force students to follow the degree audit path. Here are some suggestions to help the student pursue the degree efficiently.

- Keep current with curriculum requirements.
- Keep informed of deadlines, both for your class and for enrollment periods.
- Make appointments with your Academic Advisor, the Registrar, the Student Accounts Manager, and the Financial Aid Counselor as needed to stay on track with your degree completion.
- Set aside time for attending classes and completing the homework.
- Diligently attend classes, satisfy class objectives and all assignments on time.
- Keep an eye on your GPA (grade point average) as each degree has a minimum requirement.
- Arrive on time for classroom classes and meet all online deadlines posted on Populi. Populi is our software used to manage all courses offered.

## Course Materials

After registering to attend a course, students should get all the course materials so they will be ready for class.

### Syllabi

Course syllabi are posted by course in Populi.

A course syllabus provides an in-depth explanation of required books, assignments, and session dates. Read the syllabus carefully. All required textbooks are listed on the syllabus. Order textbooks early so they arrive before the first class session.

At the top of each syllabus is the contact information for the course professor. Professors are there to help students. Students with questions or concerns are free to call or send an email to the professor.

### Textbooks

Textbook costs vary from courses to course, but typically range from \$150 to \$250 each trimester. Students can buy textbooks anywhere they wish. We recommend shopping for textbooks online for best value and convenience. Make sure to order books early enough to have them available for the first night. Not having course textbooks is not a valid excuse to not be ready for class.

### Course Notes

If Course Notes are required, the professor is likely to make them available to the student on Populi. The student is then responsible to print them out and bring to class. If the professor does not provide Course Notes in this manner in advance, he/she may alternatively provide hard copies to the student in class.

## **Adding or Dropping a Course or Changing Delivery Methods**

SCS understands that students may need to adjust their course enrollment due to certain circumstances and has the following policies in place to allow for structured adjustments. This section states the processes for enrolling (adding), withdrawing (dropping), and changing course delivery method at SCS. No add/drop/change fees will be charged against a student during Open Registration period. However, fees will apply for adding courses or changing delivery methods after Open Registration and for dropping courses after the first week of class.

### *Adding a Course or Changing Course Delivery Method*

A student may add a course or change a course's delivery method through the end of open registration without any add/change fee. Students are advised, however, to register for classes two weeks before the course starts to ensure students have enough time to order and receive textbooks before the first session of the class. Adding or changing delivery methods after open registration may only be allowed under specific circumstances and an add/change fee will apply.

During Open Registration, the student may add a course or change the delivery method online by going to the student's Registration Tab in Populi. After Open Registration, the student may add a course or change the delivery method upon approval by submitting an online Course Change Form (see Online Student Forms). The add/change fee (nonrefundable) will be charged for adding any course or changing the delivery method after Open Registration. Students are prohibited from "crashing" a course.

### *Officially Dropping a Course*

*Official drop* means that the approved procedure to withdraw from a course was followed by the student. The only ways to officially drop a course is either: (1) by dropping online in Populi during Open Registration, or (2) by notifying the Registrar's office directly via email or written letter and submitting an online Course Change Form (see Online Student Forms) for any drops after Open Registration. This applies to all courses, whether held online or on-campus, and whatever the course length. The drop fee (nonrefundable) will be charged for dropping any course after first week of class.

### *Grades Related to Official Drops*

Grades related to official drops will be assigned according to the following rules:

1. A student who officially drops through the first week of class will have NO record of the original enrollment in the course on the student's transcript.
2. Official drops from the second week through the end of the week of the course's halfway point will receive the notation W, which will be reflected on the student's transcript but will not affect the GPA. Official drops after the end of the week of the course's halfway point through the last week of class will receive either a WP (Withdrawn Pass) or a WF (Withdrawn Fail) depending on the cumulative grade of the student at the time of the official drop. Both WP and WF will be reflected in the transcript but a WP will not affect the student's GPA while the WF affects the GPA the same as any other failing grade.
3. The grading schedule related to official drops equates to the following rules. Other course formats will be graded similarly.
  - a. For a 7-week course:  
Week 1 drop = No Record of Course Enrollment in Transcript  
Week 2–4 drop = W  
Week 5–7 drop = WP or WF (based on cumulative grade at drop)
  - b. For a 14-week course:  
Week 1 drop = No Record of Course Enrollment in Transcript  
Week 2–7 drop = W  
Week 8–14 drop = WP or WF (based on cumulative grade at drop)

### *Refunds Related to Official Drops*

Refunds related to official drops will be made according to the following rules.

1. SCS will refund all payments of tuition and refundable fees made for any official drops through the first week of class.
2. The SCS refund for official drops after the first week of class will be a prorated weekly refund through the end of the week of the course's halfway point.
3. The prorated refund will be based on the number of full, 7-day-weeks that has passed from the course start date to the official drop date. The prorated refund will NOT be based on weekly course attendance or participation.
4. SCS will not refund any tuition or fees for any official drops AFTER the end of the week of the course's halfway point.
5. The refund schedule equates to the following rules. Other course formats will be calculated similarly.
  - a. For a 7-week course:  
Week 1 drop = 100% refund  
Week 2 drop = 86% refund  
Week 3 drop = 71% refund  
Week 4 drop = 57% refund  
Week 5–7 drop = 0% refund
  - b. For a 14-week course:  
Week 1 drop = 100% refund  
Week 2 drop = 93% refund  
Week 3 drop = 86% refund  
Week 4 drop = 79% refund  
Week 5 drop = 71% refund  
Week 6 drop = 64% refund

Week 7 drop = 57% refund

Week 9–14 drop = 0% refund

Week 8 drop = 50% refund



Beware of unofficially dropping a course. It will adversely affect your grades and student account!

### *Unofficially Dropping a Course*

Unofficial drop means that the approved procedure to withdraw from a course *was not* followed by the student. Students are prohibited from dropping a course by:

- Not attending the course,
- Communicating their desire to drop the course other than in writing by email or letter or submitting an online Course Change Form (see Online Student Forms), AND
- Communicating their desire to drop the course to employees other than the Registrar.

When a student unofficially drops a course, the Registrar will apply the Student Attendance Policy to determine the date of the drop and will assign the notation UW (Unofficial Withdrawal) to the student's record according to the grading system. UW affects the GPA the same as any other failing grade. Refunds are never due for unofficial drops.



Refunds are never due for unofficial drops. Be sure to follow the approved procedure to drop a course.

## **Changing Degree Programs**

Students must apply to change from one degree program to another. Please contact the Registrar's Office or submit an online Program Change Form (see Online Student Forms).

## **Program Termination**

Program termination must be done correctly to prevent adverse financial and academic consequences. Please contact the Registrar's Office or submit an online Complete Withdrawal or LOA Form (see Online Student Forms).

## **Leave of Absence**

A student may petition the Registrar by submitting online Complete Withdrawal or LOA Form (see Online Student Forms) for permission to take a leave of absence from attending courses for a period of up to one year (365 consecutive days or 12 months, counted from the end date of the last course attended before the petition was approved) while retaining his or her admission status and governing catalog. The following rules apply:

- A leave of absence may not be extended beyond 365 days.
- A student's first leave of absence may not be taken before the completion of at least one course, and one leave of absence may not follow another without the completion of at least one course in between.

- A student whose leave of absence has expired must resume course attendance during the trimester current at the expiration date of the leave of absence or suffer loss of the benefits brought by the approved leave of absence and become subject to the SCS Admission Policy.
- If a student who holds an approved petition for leave of absence attends a course before the expiration date of the leave of absence, then the leave of absence will automatically expire on the start date of the course.

## Withdrawal from the Seminary

Students choosing to withdraw completely from the Seminary (quit the school) must notify the Registrar's Office submitting an online Complete Withdrawal or LOA Form (see Online Student Forms) so that your records will be in order if you ever return or go to another institution. The Registrar will process the form and note the withdrawal in the student's record as of a specific date. The withdrawing student must settle his or her financial account at the time of withdrawal.

The termination procedure has added importance for international students. International students who do not properly terminate their program of study will be out of status and required to leave the US immediately. Please see the International Admission Officer for details.

### *Military Withdrawal*

When a student is called to active military duty, or a student who is a service member is deployed or receives orders during any portion of a course so that he/she is unable to complete the course, the student may petition for Military Withdrawal. Approved petitions for Military Withdrawal permit the student to return without penalty.

To petition for Military Withdrawal (MW), the student will submit an online Course Change Form (see Online Student Forms) accompanied by a letter from the student's military personnel department affirming the fact that the deployment or receipt of orders makes the student unable to continue the course. The Registrar will drop the student from the course with no negative impact on the student's GPA and will assign the grade notation MW to the student's record. The Student Accounts Manager will charge the drop fee to the student's account and apply the refund rules to determine if a refund is due.

### *Emergency Withdrawal*

When a student, or a member of the student's family who is under their care, suffers a medical emergency or catastrophic event during any portion of a course, the student may petition for an Emergency Withdrawal.

To petition for Emergency Withdrawal (EW), the student will submit an online Course Change Form (see Online Student Forms) accompanied by a letter from the doctor affirming the medical emergency upon which the student is basing the petition. Details of the condition are not necessary, simply the doctor's affirmation that in his or her judgment, the condition will prevent the student from continuing the course. The Registrar will drop the student from the course with no negative impact on the student's GPA and will assign the grade notation EW to the student's record. The Student Accounts Manager will charge the drop fee and determine if a refund is due.

## Student Records

The Registrar is the official who is responsible for the custody of student records at Southern California Seminary. At SCS, paper records are kept in a secure, fire-proof cabinet and digital records are backed up off-site several times each day. Other critical duties belonging to the Registrar include enrollments, processing of grades, degree audits, graduation, and transfer processing. Contact the Registrar at (619) 201-8951 if you have questions about these functions.

## Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act

Aside from the obvious need to simply maintain and store student records, SCS conforms to the *Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act of 1974* (FERPA) as amended, a federal statute codified at 20 USC 1232g.

### FERPA Rights

Basically, FERPA gives students two legal rights. Numerous regulations work out the details of these to basic points.

1. FERPA requires SCS to keep student records private with exceptions for specific situations such as emergencies, court orders, SCS officials who have a need to know, etc.
2. FERPA gives students the right to inspect their own records that are maintained by SCS.

### Parental Access

Parents do not have an automatic right to see their children's records at SCS, even if the child is a minor. There are, however, ways for parents to view their records.

- Ask the son or daughter for a copy of the records.
- Ask the son or daughter to complete a consent form that authorizes SCS to release the records to the parents. Obtain the form from the Registrar.
- If the parent supplies proof that the student is a dependent for tax purposes, SCS may release the records. Proof can be shown (a) by the parents providing a copy of their most recent federal income tax return, showing the student was claimed as a dependent for exemption purposes; or (b) by the student verifying dependency by submitting the aforementioned form.
- SCS may release relevant student records to parents in a health or safety emergency.
- SCS may notify parents of alcohol or drug violations by students under the age of 21.

### 2008 FERPA Amendments

FERPA was amended in December 2008, effective January 2009, for the most part to clarify existing policy. As applied to SCS, some key revisions or clarifications are:

- SCS has greater discretion to make disclosures of student records in cases of health or safety emergencies.
- A student's email address may be disclosed to other students in the same class even if there is a privacy block in place.
- A privacy block on directory information continues after the student leaves SCS, unless revoked by the student.

- The records custodian (i.e., Registrar) must authenticate the identity of the person who asks for records.
- SCS must have safeguards in place that limit access to student records by school officials to only those situations where there is a legitimate educational need.
- Social security numbers and electronic identifiers that are used to access personal information must be kept confidential and may not be disclosed as directory information.
- Distance education (online) students are covered by FERPA.
- Disclosure of the outcome of a disciplinary hearing for a sex offense (i.e., a disclosure conforming to the Clery Act) must be made to the victim or alleged victim without any condition that prohibits re-disclosure, that is, the victim or alleged victim is not prevented from further revealing the information.

### Disclosure of Thesis

A thesis or functionally similar document, however named, is an education record, but may be disclosed without the signed and dated specific written consent of the student author, provided that the student was advised in advance (typically by the course syllabus) that the thesis could be made publicly available as part of the curriculum requirements.

### Electronic Class Discussion

Student papers turned in via electronic means (email, online, etc.) normally become education records once received by an SCS employee. However, communications and posting of written work for electronic discussion among students in class does not require the signed and dated specific written consent of the students, provided that:

- electronic postings of student work do not contain grades or comments of the professor;
- the students perform the posting rather than the professor;
- students are notified prior to or at the time of enrollment that posting of their work is a course requirement; and
- the posted work is available only to members of the class.

### Case Law

On February 19, 2010 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that students grading the papers of other students and even calling out the scores is not a violation of FERPA. Justice Kennedy wrote, "... grades on students' papers would not be covered under FERPA at least until the teacher has collected them and recorded them in his or her grade book."

### Annual FERPA Notification

Students are alerted of their rights under FERPA at least annually by email message which will include a direct link to the notice at [www.socalsem.edu](http://www.socalsem.edu). The notice will include a list of directory information (the types of information that may be released to the public). Students will also find directions on how to restrict release of directory information.

More information about FERPA can be found in the *Student Handbook* and online: [www2.ed.gov/ferpa](http://www2.ed.gov/ferpa)

## Degree Audit

A degree audit is a list all of the courses that a student must complete to earn a particular degree. It represents the official contract between the Seminary and the student for his or her degree program. Questions about the degree audit may be addressed to the Registrar, (619) 201-8951, or your Academic Advisor (the director for the program you are enrolled in). Degree audits are processed according to the following rules:

- There is a specific degree audit for each degree SCS offers.
- The Registrar's Office tracks each student's progress individually toward completion of the degree by comparing the student's transcript to the degree audit. It shows how all the completed courses are being applied toward the student's degree.
- Degree audits are kept updated by Populi.
- The degree audit is used to determine whether the student is ready to graduate.
- Each student may request a copy of his/her degree audit at no charge by emailing or calling the Registrar's Office, or viewing it online via Populi.
- The Academic Advisor uses the degree audit to help students enroll in courses most efficiently.

## Seminary Transcripts

Throughout their lives, students may need to supply a transcript of their academic work at SCS. Entrance to other institutions of higher education will require it and employers often ask for a transcript during the employment screening process. Most institutions charge a modest processing fee.

A transcript is a complete and unabridged copy of all academic work attempted at SCS. Course and grade information contained on the transcript are released only upon written consent from the student as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

SCS will not send transcripts that it has received to a third-party institution. For example, SCS will not forward to another school a transcript it has received from you or from a school you previously attended. You may request unofficial photocopies of transcripts held in your record.

### How to Request a Transcript

- For active students, log-in to your Populi account | My Profile | Student | Transcript Tab | Transcript Actions | Official Transcript Request.
- OR submit a transcript request form using this link: [https://socalsem.populiweb.com/request\\_transcript](https://socalsem.populiweb.com/request_transcript)
- A fee will be charged according to the current schedule of fees.
- Allow at least 7 calendar days for processing, although most requests are fulfilled within two days.

### Issued to the Student or Sent Direct?

Every transcript that is issued directly to a student is clearly so marked. Because most institutions will not accept a transcript that has been in the student's possession, we strongly recommend you request the Office of the Registrar to mail a transcript directly to the institution involved. If you

elect not to follow this recommendation, you are liable for any further charges for additional transcripts.

### *Notice Concerning Transferability of Credits and Credentials Earned at SCS*

Transfer of courses to other institutions and the acceptance of degrees for further study is determined by the receiving institution and not SCS.

The transferability of credits you earn at Southern California Seminary is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree(s) you earn in any of our approved educational programs is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits and/or degree that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Southern California Seminary to determine if your credits and/or degree will transfer.

### *Transcript Notations*

The Registrar will use the following notations, as appropriate, to evaluate and permanently record the status of each student's coursework.

#### **Audit**

The notation AU (Audit) records when a student has attended a course as an auditor. An auditor is a student who is registered to take a course and attends without being required to complete assignments or take examinations but is encouraged to participate in class activities and receives class handouts. No credit is earned for auditing a course and auditing does not affect the student's GPA or satisfy any graduation requirements.

An auditor may seek to earn credit for a module course before its second session or for a trimester course before its third session provided all coursework to that point has been done on time, the professor agrees, normal entrance requirements have been met, and normal tuition and fees have been paid. A course taken for credit cannot be converted to an audit course, for example, to remove an undesirable grade.

#### **Credit**

The notation CR (Credit) is used to record the successful completion of a course listed in the SCS Catalog as a Credit/ No Credit course. The notation CR does not affect the GPA.

#### **Emergency Withdrawal**

The notation EW (Emergency Withdrawal) is used when a student is unable to complete all course requirements due to disabling illness or catastrophic event that occurs during a course. The grade is assigned by the Registrar in conference with the professor. The student must petition the Registrar for Emergency Withdrawal by submitting an online Course Change Form (see Online Student Forms) when these circumstances arise. The notation EW does not affect the GPA.

### Incomplete

The notation I (Incomplete) is used when a student, who cannot complete course requirements for reasons other than those that qualify the student for Emergency Withdrawal or Military Withdrawal, successfully petitions for an extension.

To successfully petition for an extension, the student must obtain the instructor's approval, submit an online Multi-Purpose Attendance Petition form (see Online Student Forms) BEFORE the class ends, and pay the fee then current. Any requests for extension submitted after classes end will not be accepted. The student then has a maximum period of 30 days, OR EARLIER, according to professor discretion, after the last day of the course to complete the work. If the work is not completed upon the extension due date and no further extension has been petitioned, the Incomplete will be finalized with whatever grade the student has upon due date expiration.

A second 30-day maximum extension, which will start the day after the first extension expires, may be granted upon a second successful petition. The second extension request must be submitted before the first extension due date or the request will not be accepted. The extension fee will apply for approved second extensions. The student then has a maximum period of 30 days, OR EARLIER, according to professor discretion, after the last day of the first extension due date to complete the work. If the work is not completed during this time, the Incomplete will be finalized with whatever grade the student has upon the second extension expiration. Instructors are not obligated to approve any petition of extension.

### In Progress

The notation IP (In Progress) is for internal administrative use to indicate that the student is currently enrolled in the course and working toward course completion.

### Military Withdrawal

The notation MW (Military Withdrawal) indicates that the student was called to active military duty, deployed, or received orders that prevented completion of the course and was administratively withdrawn from the course. The notation MW does not affect the GPA.

### No Credit

The notation NC (No Credit) is used to record the unsuccessful completion of a course listed in the SCS Catalog as a Credit/ No Credit course. The student must repeat this course to earn the credit. The notation NC does not affect the GPA.

### Repeat

The notation R (Repeat) indicates that the course was repeated. The grade earned the last time the course was taken, whether or not it is the highest grade, is the grade that will be recorded on the transcript and used when computing the GPA. The notation R will show on the student's transcript for the same course taken earlier. The notation R does not affect the GPA.

### Unofficial Withdrawal

The notation UW (Unofficial Withdrawal) indicates that the student registered for the course, attended, and then exceeded the absence policy without officially dropping the course. The notation UW has the same effect on the GPA as the grade F.

### Withdrawal

The notation W (Withdrawal) indicates that the student officially dropped a course after the first week through the end of the week of the course's halfway point. The notation W does not affect the GPA.

### Withdrawal Passed

The notation WP (Withdrawal Passed) indicates that the student officially dropped a course after the end of the week of the course's halfway point through the last week of class and has received a passing cumulative grade at the time of the official drop. The notation WP will be reflected in the transcript but will not affect the student's GPA.

### Withdrawal Failed

The notation WF (Withdrawal Failed) indicates that the student officially dropped a course after the end of the week of the course's halfway point through the last week of class and has received a failing cumulative grade at the time of the official drop. The notation WF will be reflected in the transcript and has the same effect on the GPA as the grade F.

# Academic Information

## Governing Catalog

Governing catalog means the Academic Catalog in effect at the time of first enrollment that states the graduation requirements to which a student is subject. If the graduation requirements change, the student will automatically remain subject to the original governing Catalog but may petition to continue studies subject to the new ones. In no case may a student revert to an earlier Catalog. Students are automatically subject to other revisions such as policies, procedures, etc. If a student is not enrolled at SCS over a 12-month period from prior enrollment, when they return they are placed under the newest Catalog.

## Methods of Instruction

SCS applies its philosophy of education primarily by using on-campus instruction and online instruction. Course objectives and core content are the same regardless of the delivery method, assuring students that they will learn the same content whether in the campus-based, blended, or online classrooms. This allows SCS to educate and equip students globally by providing instruction through a variety of means to meet the needs of our learners. The Academic Advisor (the director for the program you are enrolled in) assists students in developing a plan to achieve their degrees without waste of time or expense. All instruction at SCS, whether on-campus, blended, or online, follows the same master schedule. Access the syllabus in Populi and order the textbooks early enough to receive them for the first class session.

Students will have an opportunity for regular and substantive interaction with the faculty. This interaction includes live lectures and discussions, weekly discussion board posts with faculty engagement, substantive faculty feedback on assignments, as well as personal contact with faculty to ask questions related to course content.

Weekly threaded discussions are required for each student. Students are expected to submit a substantive initial posting to the weekly discussion question(s) along with submitting a minimum of two responses to other students' postings, for a total of at least three weekly discussion posts. These responses are to be thoughtful, academic discussions that interact directly with the course materials and concepts and include supporting reference citations.

### On-Campus Instruction

On-campus instruction is that which occurs in a physical classroom at one of the SCS campuses or approved teaching sites. Students will find comfortable classrooms equipped with modern instructional amenities such as computers, LCD projectors, and internet access.

Most on-campus courses taught at SCS use a concentrated course offering format made up of seven-week modules. Students will spend more time in personal study than they would in a traditional semester length course. This allows working adults greater flexibility in attending college and seminary while still managing their many responsibilities.

### Online Instruction

SCS offers many of its programs in a completely online format. Online instruction is delivered through a learning management software, Populi, making education available all day, every day.

Within limits, this permits students to adjust their coursework to meet their own schedules. All online education at SCS is done in real-time through the internet (postal correspondence courses are not available). Online instruction is available for certain degree programs (please consult your academic advisor) and courses can be taken from any location in the world where adequate internet service is available.

### Blended Instruction

Courses taught in the Blended Model combine on-campus instruction with online coursework components. The Blended Model facilitates interaction between on-ground and online students, and allows both groups access to the advantages of both formats of instruction. On-campus lectures are recorded and posted in the online campus, and most assignments are fulfilled directly through the online campus. Many classes are currently available in the Blended Model, and SCS is continually working to expand the number of available Blended courses.

### Directed Study

By definition, directed study means that a course is taken outside the normal schedule and time, apart from the regularly offered course. SCS only allows students to take a course via directed study in extreme circumstances and the student must fill out the paperwork and gain approval. Students must meet the following criteria to petition for a directed study:

- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Not on Academic Probation or Warning
- Have taken less than 15 percent of the degree-required courses in a directed study format.

The program dean must approve the petition. Directed study is available for English language and Bilingual (Korean/English) programs, but only in extenuating circumstances. All tuition and course fees for a directed study course must be satisfied before the student is registered for the course.

The program dean and the student advisor will recommend a qualified and willing professor to conduct the course if the student meets the above criteria. The student will receive a syllabus that states requirements equivalent to those set for classroom instruction including attendance, schedule, assignments, examinations, papers and projects. The level of work will be at the same academic level as the classroom course and the normal grading scale will be used.

### *Internships*

#### *Undergraduate*

Ministry participation with a formal planning and evaluation component (e.g., PM-471 Ministry Internship) is required to graduate with the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree.

#### *Graduate*

Ministry participation with a formal planning and evaluation component is required to graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. Forty hours of ministry are required for each unit of graduate credit given. The courses which meet this requirement include: PM-751, PM-752, PM-771, PM-774, PM-776 and PM-778. The following exemptions apply to undergraduate and graduate levels:

- U.S. military veterans who are receiving assistance under the GI Bill® will substitute electives that match the emphasis. (Veterans are not approved for off-campus study.)

- Students having equivalent or greater experience than the internship requirement will substitute electives.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

## Classification of Students by Progression

SCS classifies students according to the following scheme:

### Undergraduate Level

Bachelor's—Those who have been admitted by the Seminary to work toward a bachelor's degree, further classified:

Freshman	0-29 units
Sophomore	30-59 units
Junior	60-89 units
Senior	90+ units

### Graduate Level

Master's—Those who have completed a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and who have been admitted by the Seminary to work toward a master's degree.

### Postgraduate Level

Doctor's—Those who have completed a master's degree and who have been admitted by the Seminary to work toward a doctor's degree.

## Academic Load

The standards for classifying a student as full time in any given trimester are as follows.

12 units	All undergraduate degrees (AACM, AA to BA, BABS)
9 units	All graduate Bible programs (MACM, MAIS, MACC, MAPA, MABS, MDiv)
6 units	All graduate Behavioral Sciences programs (MACP, MAMFT)
6 units	All post-graduate programs in Bible and Theology and Behavioral Sciences (Th.M, D.Min, PsyD)
2 units	All Th.M/D.Min students who have completed all coursework but thesis/dissertation.
3 units	All PsyD students who have completed all coursework except dissertation.

Unit counts below this standard are classified as part-time. Any additional units taken that exceed these unit requirements are subject to the academic standing evaluation process and such units will be in addition to the degree requirements. All courses will show on the student's transcript.

### *Credit Hour (Unit) Defined*

At SCS a credit hour is a unit of academic work that approximates a minimum 48 course hours of engagement and activity necessary to achieve established learning outcomes. For brevity, unit is commonly used at SCS in place of credit hour.

### *Academic Load for International Students*

SCS reports the status of international students by using the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). SEVIS is an Internet-based system that maintains the same information from foreign students and exchange visitors that has always been required by law and regulation.

To maintain status as a nonimmigrant student, international students must maintain the same academic load as domestic students. (See Academic Load in this chapter.) An international student may reduce his or her course of study for only a few authorized reasons. Any other reasons, including economic and family emergencies, are not acceptable. It is very important that international students visit the International Student Advisor before dropping any course.

Other special requirements that students with F-1 visa status are subject to include the following:

- Under certain circumstances, international students may have to take courses not required by their program to stay full-time.
- Extensions of the I-20 will not be granted for poor academic work.
- Extensions of the I-20 will not be granted if the student has earned a grade F more than four times at SCS.
- International students who need to take only two courses during the next-to-last trimester must take an elective to remain full-time.
- International students may need to take courses in the summer to ensure completion of coursework by the date on the I-20. Work with the academic advisor to put together a schedule that completes the program on time.
- International students will not be admitted to the Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry degree program due to scheduling issues that may prevent full-time status.

International students must talk to the International Student Advisor before terminating studies. International students who do not properly terminate their program of study will be out of status and required to leave the U.S. immediately.

## **Bilingual (Korean/English) Degree Programs**

The MACM, MACP, and PsyD degrees are offered in a bilingual Korean/English program. Bilingual programs are open to any student proficient in one of the non-English languages used, provided all other entrance requirements are met and the particular program director approves.

Students that are enrolled in a bilingual degree program may take courses taught in English that will apply to their degree, provided that they meet all English language program requirements – including the requirement to demonstrate English language proficiency – and that consult with their

academic advisor (director of the program you are enrolled in) before submitting the written petition.

## Credits Earned at a Teaching Site

In each program that is at the LA teaching site, up to 49% of the total academic credits for a program can be earned at the teaching site. The remaining academic credits for the program can be earned through a combination of online and main campus enrollment.

## Course Attendance

It is necessary to establish criteria to determine whether course attendance is sufficient to meet specific course requirements, overall degree minimums, accreditation standards, and legal and financial aid requirements. The following rules apply:

1. For on-ground courses, absence occurs when the student does not attend a session of the course or misses more than 20 minutes of a course. For an online course, absence occurs when the student does not submit an assignment defined by the course syllabus (such as a quiz, examination, written paper or project, discussion board post, or other academic event as defined in the course syllabus, and participation in the discussion boards for that week).
2. Students are allowed one absence in a modular course (which meets seven times) or two absences in a trimester-length course (which meets fourteen times).
3. A student who is absent from the first week of a modular course or the first two weeks of a trimester course, whether on-ground or online, and does not follow official dropping procedures, will be administratively dropped from the course, charged the drop fee, and prorated tuition based on the number of weeks missed (modular vs. trimester course). Other course formats will be calculated similarly. The student may petition to remain in the class by submitting an online *Multi-Purpose Attendance Petition* form (see Online Student Forms). If the petition is approved, then the student will be required to complete any exams or assignments missed and possibly extra course work. The course syllabus will determine whether or not the absence will result in a lower grade. The course continuance fee will be applied to the student's account.
4. A student who attends a class, whether on-ground or online, and then exceeds the absence policy without following the official drop procedures will be unofficially withdrawn from the course and charged the drop fee. Refunds are never due for *Unofficial Withdrawals*. UW has the same grade effect as F. The student may petition to remain in the class by submitting an online *Multi-Purpose Attendance Petition* form (see Online Student Forms). If the petition is approved, then the student will be required to complete any exams or assignments missed and possibly extra course work. The course syllabus will determine whether or not the absence will result in a lower grade. The course continuance fee will be applied to the student's account.
5. A student who takes an absence from class will receive a penalty resulting in an immediate reduction of their final grade by 7 percent in a modular class and 3.5 percent in a trimester class. However, the student will have the ability to make up between 0 percent and all of the deduction at the professor's discretion.

- a. For all absences the student will be required to complete any exams or assignments missed, plus submit an extra assignment to show master over the lecture materials missed. Any assignments due the week the absence occurs and not completed in advance are subject to the professor's late work policy and may result in a lower grade for those assignments.
  - b. The extra assignment must be completed by the date the professor gives the student and will determine the amount of percentage points added back into the student's original deduction for the absence. The amount of work assigned is determined by each professor for each course taught.
6. Attendance requirements for courses that are non-standard in length will be stated in the syllabus. However, absence from the first session of such courses has the same consequences as absence from the first session of a module course.
  7. Attendance requirements for SCS students attending courses taught in conjunction with other institutions will conform to SCS policies.
  8. A partial absence occurs when a student is not present in the classroom for a period of time that is less than the entire scheduled session excluding authorized breaks. This may occur at the beginning of the class period (tardy), anytime during the period, leaving early, or any combination. For any on-ground course, not being present in the classroom for up to 10 minutes is considered a partial absence and not being present more than 20 minutes is considered an absence. Two partial absences equal one full absence and, at the professor's discretion, may have the same consequences as an ordinary absence.
  9. SCS makes no distinction between acceptable or unacceptable absences, nor do we allow approved absences without the same penalty. Absence, regardless of the reason, does not excuse a student from completing all course requirements. Professors may impose penalties for work due during an absence if the policy is stated in the course syllabus.

## Grading System

The SCS grading system is used to evaluate and record academic achievement. A student must be officially enrolled in a course to receive a grade for it. Professors have two weeks from the last day of the module to enter the grades and finalize the course.

Final course grades are available to students in Populi once the professor posts them and after students complete the course evaluation.

### *Grade Point Average*

SCS uses two variations of the basic grade point average (GPA) formula to determine academic standing.

#### Basic GPA Formula

The GPA is calculated by dividing the total quality points earned at SCS by the number of units attempted at SCS. Transfer grades earned elsewhere are not used.

$$\text{GPA: } \frac{\text{Total Quality Points Earned at SCS}}{\text{Total Units Attempted at SCS}}$$

### Term GPA Formula

The Term GPA (TGPA) represents the GPA for coursework completed at SCS during a given module or trimester.

$$\text{TGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Quality Points Earned During the Term}}{\text{Total Units Attempted During the Term}}$$

### Cumulative GPA Formula

The Cumulative GPA (CGPA) represents the GPA for coursework completed at SCS during all modules and trimesters.

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Quality Points Earned During Tenure at SCS}}{\text{Total Units Attempted During Tenure at SCS}}$$

### *Minimum Grade Point Average*

Students are expected to maintain the following defined CGPA to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

- 2.0 or higher for undergraduate Bible degrees (AACM, AA to BA, BABS).
- 2.0 or higher for graduate Bible degrees (MACM, MAIS, MACC, MDiv).
- 2.5 or higher for graduate Bible degrees (MAPA, MABS).
- 3.0 or higher for the post-graduate Bible degree (Th.M, D.Min).
- 3.0 or higher for Behavioral Sciences graduate degrees (MACP, MAMFT). A minimum 2.0 GPA is required for the 9 units of graduate Bible coursework.
- 3.0 or higher for Behavioral Sciences post-graduate degree (PsyD). A minimum 2.0 GPA is required for the 9 units of graduate Bible coursework.

Behavioral Sciences postgraduate students who are ABD (All but Dissertation) must be continuously enrolled in the dissertation phase after earning a minimum 3.0 CGPA in all letter-graded coursework. The rules for TGPA do not apply to post-graduate students while ABD.

Bible postgraduate (Th.M, D.Min) students who have completed all coursework except the thesis or dissertation must be continuously enrolled in the thesis phase after earning a minimum 3.0 CGPA in all letter-graded coursework. The rules for trimester GPA (TGPA) do not apply to postgraduate Bible students while in the thesis/dissertation phase.

GPA's are calculated based on letter-graded, INC (F), WF, and UW courses only. Letter grades are the standard grade notations of A through F, while INC (F) (Incomplete Charged F), WF (Withdrawn Fail), and UW (Unofficial Withdrawal) has the same grade effect as F. All other grading notations will be included in the attempted credits total but NOT in the GPA calculation.

Grade Range	Score Earned	Grade Earned	Value Earned	Quality Points Earned per Course Unit Value		
				3-Unit	2-Unit	1-Unit
	95–100	A	4.0	12.0	8.0	4.0

Undergraduate	Graduate	Postgraduate	92–94	A-	3.7	11.1	7.4	3.7
			89–91	B+	3.3	9.9	6.6	3.3
			86–88	B	3.0	9.0	6.0	3.0
			83–85	B-	2.7	8.1	5.4	2.7
	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	80–82	C+	2.3	6.9	4.6	2.3
			77–79	C	2.0	6.0	4.0	2.0
			74–76	C-	1.7	5.1	3.4	1.7
			72–73	D+	1.3	3.9	2.6	1.3
	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	70–71	D	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
			68–69	D-	0.7	2.1	1.4	0.7
			0–67	F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

### *Grade Scale*

Grades are awarded according to the following policies.

#### **Undergraduate**

The SCS undergraduate grade scale does not have a passing grade below D-. No grade higher than A or lower than F will be assigned for undergraduate coursework. Undergraduate coursework evaluated at less than 68 percent will be assigned the grade F.

#### **Graduate**

The SCS graduate grade scale does not have a passing grade below C-. No grade higher than A or lower than F will be assigned for graduate coursework. Graduate coursework evaluated at less than 74 percent will be assigned the grade F.

#### **Postgraduate**

The SCS postgraduate grade scale does not have a passing grade below B-. No grade higher than A or lower than F will be assigned for postgraduate coursework. Postgraduate coursework evaluated at less than 83 percent will be assigned the grade F.

### *Contesting a Grade*

Students have up to 45 days to contest a grade after its issuance. To contest a grade, the student must take the following steps:

1. Student meets with the professor to ask him or her to reconsider the grade based on the possibility that, in light of the course requirements as defined in the syllabus, a mistake may have been made, or to reconsider the grade based on other facts that the student believes to be relevant.
2. If the professor changes the grade, the professor will notify the Registrar who will forward a Grade Change Notification to the student's on-campus mailbox or home address. If the

professor does not change the grade, the student may appeal the decision to the Academic Appeals Committee.

3. Student appeal the decision to the Academic Appeals Committee no later than two weeks after the professor's decision by stating the case in writing and submitting it and any supporting documentation to the Chief Academic Officer via the applicable Dean.
4. Chief Academic Officer convene the Academic Appeals Committee no later than two weeks after receiving the student's appeal in writing.
5. Academic Appeals Committee notify all concerned of its decision no later than two weeks after convening. The judgment of the Academic Appeals Committee is final.

## Academic Standing

All students are subject to a review of their academic standing. Academic standing will be measured when all grading is complete as the end of each trimester. Grading is complete only after all professors have submitted all grades for all students in all courses. Professors have two weeks from the last course session to submit grades to the registrar. Grades are generally released within 21 to 30 days after the end of a module or a trimester. For all students, there are four categories of academic standing that are evaluated after each trimester.

### *Good Standing*

Students who meet the GPA requirements for their degrees at the end of each trimester are awarded the status of Good Standing.

### *Academic Warning*

#### Degrees with Less than 40 Units

For degrees of less than 40 units of required graded course work, (MACM, MAIS, DMin), a student is placed on academic warning when his or her TGPA:

- Falls below 2.5 for graduate Bible students.
- Falls below 3.0 for post-graduate students, DMin Program.

A student in these degree programs will be allowed only one trimester on academic warning. If the TGPA does not meet the minimum requirements in the succeeding trimester course work, the student will be placed on academic probation.

#### Degrees with 40 or More Units

For degrees with 40 units or more of required graded course work (AACM, BABS, AA to BA, MACC, MAPA, MABS, MDiv, ThM, MACP, MAMFT, PsyD with Bible), or students pursuing multiple degrees), a student is placed on academic warning when his or her TGPA falls below:

- 2.0 for undergraduate Bible students.
- 2.0 for graduate Bible students.
- 2.5 for graduate Bible students (MABS, MAPA).
- 3.0 for Post-graduate Bible (ThM) students.
- 3.0 for Behavioral Sciences graduate students (not including the required Bible units).

- 3.0 for post-graduate students.

If a student is on academic warning for two consecutive trimesters, the student will be placed on academic probation.

See also *Dropping a Course(s) When Financial Aid Is Received*.

### *Academic Probation*

#### Degrees with Less than 40 Units

For degrees of less than 40 units of required graded course work (MACM, MAIS, D.Min), academic probation is processed according to the following rules:

1. A student is placed on academic probation when the student's TGPA for two consecutive trimesters falls below:
  - a. 2.0 for graduate Bible students.
  - b. 3.0 for D.Min post-graduate students.
  - c. 3.0 for Behavioral Sciences post-graduate students (not including required Bible units).
2. Students placed on academic probation will lose eligibility for financial assistance and will be so notified by the Financial Aid Office. Students may continue to take classes but will be responsible to pay costs without financial aid. See the Financial Aid Office for more information.
3. Students on academic probation are not eligible to take courses by directed study.
4. The student with an overload of units beyond the defined limits of full-time will be reviewed for a reduction in the number of units in which he or she will be allowed to enroll in the succeeding term.
5. Academic Probation is removed when both the student's TGPA and CGPA rises to the requirement for their degree. This must be accomplished in the trimester immediately following the one in which probation was earned. If the TGPA meets the minimum requirement but the CGPA is still below the minimum requirement, the student will be allowed to continue enrollment but will still be under Academic Probation.

#### Degrees with 40 or More Units

For degrees with 40 units or more of required graded course work (AACM, BABS, AA to BA, MACC, MAPA, MABS, MDiv, Th.M, MACP, MAMFT PsyD w/Bible), academic probation is processed according to the following rules:

1. A student is placed on academic probation when either
  - A. The student's CGPA falls below:  
OR
  - B. The student's TGPA for two consecutive trimesters falls below:
    - 2.0 for undergraduate and graduate Bible students.
    - 2.5 for graduate Bible students (MABS, MAPA).
    - 3.0 for post-graduate Bible students (Th.M., D.Min).
    - 3.0 for graduate and post-graduate Behavioral Sciences students (not including required Bible units).
2. For undergraduate Bible students having completed a minimum of 18 graded units, a student is placed on academic probation when the CGPA falls below 2.0.

3. For graduate Bible students completing a minimum of 9 graded units, a student is placed on academic probation when the CGPA falls below 2.5.
4. For all Behavioral Sciences (graduate and postgraduate) students having completed a minimum of 9 graded units, a student is placed on academic probation when the CGPA falls below 3.0 (not including the required Bible units).
5. Students placed on academic probation will lose eligibility for financial assistance and will be so notified by the Financial Aid Office. Students may continue to take classes but will be responsible to pay costs without financial aid. See the Financial Aid Office for more information.
6. Students on academic probation are not eligible to take courses by directed study.
7. The student with an overload of units beyond the defined limits of full-time will be reviewed for a reduction in the number of units in which he/she will be allowed to enroll in the succeeding term.
8. Academic Probation is removed when both the student's TGPA and CGPA rises to the requirement for their degree. This must be accomplished in the trimester immediately following the one in which probation was earned. If the TGPA meets the minimum requirement but the CGPA is still below the minimum requirement, the student will be permitted to continue enrollment but will still be under Academic Probation.

### *Academic Dismissal*

Students who are unable to improve their academic performance to the required GPA will be subject to dismissal from SCS. Dismissal will take effect immediately after determination that:

1. For three successive trimesters the student's TGPA has fallen below:
  - 2.0 for undergraduate and graduate Bible students.
  - 2.5 for graduate Bible students (MABS, MAPA)
  - 3.0 for post-graduate Bible students (Th.M, D.Min).
  - 3.0 for all Behavioral Sciences students, graduate and postgraduate (not including the graduate Bible units).
2. A student's TGPA minimum requirement has not been accomplished in the trimester immediately following the one in which probation was earned.
3. A student admitted on Probationary Status, having completed a minimum of 12 units, has failed to achieve the required CGPA.

Students may appeal dismissal based on extenuating circumstances by submitting to the appropriate dean a completed Academic Affairs Appeal form. The appeal must include a convincing written plan to achieve satisfactory academic performance within an allotted time. The form must be signed by the student and delivered to the dean by mail, email, or fax within seven business days of the notification of dismissal to the student.

The Academic Affairs Committee will then review the appeal to determine whether the student will be permitted to continue enrollment. The Committee's ruling will be communicated to the Financial Aid Office who will determine whether the student can qualify for continued financial aid.

If financial aid is continued, the student will be placed on academic probation and financial aid probation. If financial aid is not continued, the student may, without financial aid, continue their studies on academic probation. The Financial Aid Office can provide information about private

funding that may be available to the student. Failure to achieve satisfactory academic performance during the term following an approved appeal will result in final dismissal.

### *Readmission*

Those who have been dismissed for academic reasons may apply for readmission after two trimesters. However, readmission is still subject to administrative review.

## **Academic Integrity**

Southern California Seminary expects its students to conduct themselves honestly in their personal and academic lives. If evidence arises of academic dishonesty, the dean of the program will investigate the matter and take appropriate action.

### *Violations of Academic Integrity*

#### **Cheating**

Cheating is never tolerated at SCS.

#### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism can occur intentionally or inadvertently. Intentional acts of plagiarism involve knowingly and willingly treating another person's work as one's own original work. It includes copying or imitating the words, sentences, outlines, or ideas of another person. Inadvertent plagiarism can occur when a student fails to properly cite original sources. Plagiarism will not be tolerated at SCS. Student papers are submitted to a plagiarism software program within Populi to check for plagiarism. Therefore, all offenses of plagiarism will be reported to the dean of the program in which the offense occurred and an investigation will be made to determine what disciplinary action should be taken.

#### **Aiding or Conspiring in the Commission of Plagiarism**

Helping someone commit plagiarism is viewed as equally dishonest as plagiarism, for all participating parties.

#### **Multiple Submissions**

This violation occurs when a student submits a paper that was written for another course as if it were an original paper satisfying the requirements of the present course. Attempting to submit such work is deceptive and a form of academic dishonesty. On the occasion that a student's previous work has some potential for expansion, improvement or to serve as a starting point for another line of thought (as with Doctrinal Summer/Synopsis) the student will be advised by the professor to what extent a particular previous work may be permitted. The professor may require that a copy of the previous work be submitted with the later work.

#### **Falsifying or Misrepresenting Identity**

Each student will be required to read and submit an online confirmation in the first week of each course verifying that they are the registered student and that all the course work, assignments, and activities will be completed by them and will consist of their personal, unique work.

### *Penalties for Violating Academic Integrity*

Upon determination by the appropriate dean that an offense against academic integrity has occurred, the dean, in conjunction with the professor, will penalize the student according to the following guidelines:

- When investigation reveals that the offense constitutes an inadvertent violation of academic integrity (the student acted ignorantly), the dean may issue a written warning, which will become a part of the student's record. Upon agreement of the dean and the professor, the student may be afforded the opportunity to correct the offense and resubmit the assignment for whole or partial credit.
- When investigation reveals that the offense constitutes an intentional breach of academic integrity the student will suffer the immediate penalty of the grade F (0%) on the assignment, test, etc. Furthermore, the dean may impose additional discipline such as a failing grade in the course in which the offense occurred or recommendation of the student to the Academic Affairs Committee for suspension or expulsion.
- A repeated willful offense will result in the immediate penalty of a failing grade in the course in which the offense occurred. Furthermore, determination will be made concerning what further discipline is necessary, whether suspension, expulsion, or otherwise.

SCS reserves the right to revoke a degree if it finds that plagiarism was committed to earn it.

### **Dean's List**

Students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs are eligible for the Dean's List if they meet the following criteria at the end of a trimester:

1. Enrolled full time as defined by the degree (see below)
2. Have never been on Academic Warning or Probation
3. Approved by Dean of their division
4. Achieved a trimester GPA of 3.900 to 4.000 in that trimester

The Dean's List notation will be noted on your grade report and your transcript. Full time for students is defined as follows:

Undergraduate	12 units
Counseling Graduate	6 units
Bible Graduate	9 units

### **Honors Program**

SCS acknowledges student academic performance in certain degree programs at graduation. The following criteria is applied to identify students who qualify for graduation with honors.

#### **Criteria for Undergraduate Honors**

1. Available to all undergraduate degree programs.

2. Based on academic performance demonstrated by the CGPA calculated through Modules 1+2+3 or Modules 1 + 2.
3. Completion of the degree as defined by the governing catalog.
4. Approval by the Academic Dean and Chief Academic Officer.
5. Designations:
  - Summa cum laude      3.900 to 4.000 CGPA      Signified by gold cord
  - Magna cum laude      3.800 to 3.899 CGPA      Signified by silver cord
  - Cum laude      3.600 to 3.799 CGPA      Signified by bronze cord
6. No repeated courses due to failing grades (C+ or lower).
7. No disciplinary action during tenure at SCS.
8. No Academic Warning or Academic Probation standing during tenure at SCS.

### Criteria for Graduate and Postgraduate Honors

1. Available to all graduate degree programs, as follows:
  - Master of Divinity      with a minimum of 72 units
  - Master of Theology      with a minimum of 25 units
  - Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology      with a minimum of 63 units
  - Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy      with a minimum of 63 units
  - Doctorate of Psychology      with a minimum of 54 units
2. Designation:
  - Academic Distinction      3.900 to 4.000 CGPA      Signified by purple and gold cord
3. Based on academic performance demonstrated by the CGPA calculated through modules 1+2+3 or modules 1+2.
4. Completion of the degree as defined by the governing catalog.
5. Approval by the Academic Dean and Chief Academic Officer.
6. Full time student status (at least 9.0 units for graduate degrees or at least 6.0 units for postgraduate degrees, except when only the dissertation remains in which case 3.0 is full time) must be maintained in fifty percent of the terms in which the student is enrolled.
7. Continuous enrollment by term.
8. No repeated courses due to the grade F for any course.
9. No disciplinary action during tenure at SCS.
10. No Academic Warning or Academic Probation standing during tenure at SCS.

## Graduation

### *Graduation Services*

Graduation is an exciting time for the entire campus community. Watch the calendar carefully and be sure to stay in touch with the office of the Registrar as graduation approaches. The special season goes like this:

- Graduating students petition to graduate by submitting an online *Graduation Petition* form (see Online Student Forms) by the deadline listed in the Academic Calendar. The Registrar makes sure all academic requirements are covered.

- Graduates pay the graduation fee and make sure their accounts are settled before they are able to walk in the ceremony or receive their diploma.
- Approximately six weeks before commencement the Registrar will send to graduating students a letter detailing the activities and instructions for commencement.
- Graduates pick up their caps and gowns. Graduates own their regalia.
- Graduates order invitations and send them out to family and friends.
- The day before commencement, graduates rehearse the ceremony and then attend the Alumni and Graduate Banquet.
- Graduates are celebrated by family, friends, faculty, and staff at the commencement ceremony. Joyous applause breaks out as the graduate “walks” and receives the hard-earned diploma.

### *General Graduation Requirements*

As stated in the institutional Mission Statement, Southern California Seminary is committed to building biblical knowledge, Christian character, and Ministry skills for effective Christian service. As such, the General Graduation Requirements address both academic requirements and evidence of Christian character. Every student must meet the following general graduation requirements to graduate:

- Complete the degree program curriculum required by the governing Catalog with the applicable minimum GPA as defined in that Catalog.
- Complete the applicable study requirement.
- Meet the degree-specific requirements stated in the governing Catalog.
- Settle all financial obligations to SCS prior to the ceremony and submit a Financial Aid Exit Interview.
- Complete a Graduating Student Inventory (GSI) questionnaire.
- Submit a petition to graduate by submitting an online *Graduation Petition* form (see Online Student Forms) to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
- Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity and Christian character.
- Be approved by the SCS Board of Trustees.
- Receive clearance from all SCS departments.

### *Provisional Graduation*

#### Undergraduate Level

A student who has not completed all AACM or BABS graduation requirements may petition to participate (“march”) in the annual commencement exercise subject to the following restrictions:

- Students pursuing the BABS degree must have completed RS-451, 452 Biblical Summary 1, 2 before commencement.
- No more than 6 units of coursework remain to meet the degree requirements.
- It is possible to complete all remaining degree requirements during the summer trimester that immediately follows the commencement.
- A petition for provisional graduation has been submitted to the Registrar by the deadline to petition for graduation and duly approved.

- The student has registered and paid for the remaining courses, which must be taken at SCS.
- The student has received clearance from all SCS departments.

### Graduate Level

A student who has not completed all MACM, MAIS, MACC, MAPA, MABS, MDiv, MACP or MAMFT graduation requirements may petition to participate (“march”) in the annual commencement exercise subject to the following restrictions:

- No more than 6 units of coursework remain to meet the degree requirements.
- A petition for provisional graduation has been submitted to the Registrar by the deadline to petition for graduation and duly approved.
- It is possible to complete all remaining degree requirements during the summer trimester that immediately follows the commencement.
- The student has registered and paid for the remaining courses, which must be taken at SCS.
- Students pursuing the MABS or MAPA degree must have completed the RS-791 Graduate Thesis Writing before commencement.
- Students pursuing the MDIV degree must have completed RS-795 Doctrinal Summary 1 and RS-796 Doctrinal Summary 2 before commencement.
- The student has received clearance from all SCS departments.

### Post-graduate Level

A student who has not completed all ThM, DMin, or PsyD graduation requirements may petition to participate (“march”) in the annual commencement exercise subject to the following restrictions:

- Students pursuing a post-graduate level degree must have completed and defended their thesis/dissertation before commencement.
- Students must have their approved thesis/dissertation bound and must provide a digital and a bound copy to the library before receiving their diploma.
- The student has received clearance from all SCS departments.

# Financial Information

Southern California Seminary provides many non-academic services to help students through their programs of study. Key services are described below.

## Student Accounts

The Student Accounts Manager (SAM) maintains student financial accounts. In order to begin attending enrolled courses for any term or module, financing for the charges generated by these courses must be in place. Financing options include VA Benefits, Financial Aid, payment in full, or a payment plan. Financial Aid awards must be accepted and all Financial Aid documents must be completed in order to begin attending courses. Payment in full or the first payment of a payment plan must be made before the first day of courses. Payments plans at SCS will be set up by the Student Accounts Office. If financing is not in place by the first day of courses, enrollment will be delayed.

A student's account must be current for the student to continue at SCS.

### *Tuition and Fees*

Tuition and fees are the cost to the student before any financial aid has been applied to the account. The student's out-of-pocket cost will depend on how much financial aid is received and what the balance will cost the student. The latest schedule of tuition and fees, along with other financial information can be found at the end of this section. It is also readily found either online or from the SAM. Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice, but students will be notified as soon as practicable.

Tuition and fees (less any guaranteed scholarships, grants, or loans) are due by the first day of courses for the term or module. Enrollment is not complete until all tuition and fees have been paid or special arrangements made.

### *Payments*

Students must check their account on Populi regularly to be sure the account is current. Payment may be made on Populi or by cash, check, money order, or credit card. Please do not send cash or coin through the mail.

For payment by check or money order, make them payable to SCS and send the check to the SAM. Payment by credit card can be made either online, in person, or over the phone.

Payments for tuition and fees are applied on a first-invoiced, first-paid basis. This means that a given tuition or fee payment will be applied to pay down the oldest unpaid tuition and fee charge on the student's account, then the next oldest, and so forth. Dormitory rent payments are processed similarly against the residential balance.

### *Late Payments*

A late charge will be applied to the student's account when payment is received late.

### Dishonored Checks

SCS may refuse payment by personal check from anyone who has attempted payment to SCS by a check that was dishonored.

### *Refund Policy*

Please see *Refunds Related to Official Drops* in the Enrollment Services section of this Catalog.

### *Credit Balances*

A credit balance exists when a student has paid more than is due. SCS will refund a credit balance under the following conditions.

- When the credit balance is due to the student, and the credit balance results from an excess of non-VA federal funds, then the credit balance will be refunded within 14 days.
- When the credit balance results from an excess of military assistance, then the refund will be made in accordance with current federal regulations.
- All other credit balances will be processed within 30 days.

### *Financial Hold*

Students are expected to handle their finances honestly and timely. When a student does not keep his or her account current, SCS will place the account on financial hold and refuse services as deemed appropriate until the financial obligation is settled.

Transcripts, grades, and diplomas will not be issued to a student whose account is on financial hold. Students may not take final examinations until accounts are satisfactorily arranged.

Acceptance of a payment by SCS does not constitute completion of registration or guarantee services when a financial hold exists. When payment to clear a financial hold is made by personal check or credit card, the hold will not be lifted until funds are credited to SCS.

### *Accounts in Default*

If necessary, SCS will take appropriate further actions to settle a student's account including turning the account over to a collection agency and notifying credit bureaus of the account status.

### *Active Duty Military Provisions*

SCS will waive the application fee that would otherwise be charged to active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces when applying for admission. SCS will provide, without charge, the essential textbooks required for its courses taught to active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are properly admitted and enrolled in courses taught on any U.S. military installation or vessel.

### *Veteran Provision*

SCS will waive the application fee to veterans of the U.S. armed services when applying for admission. Proof of honorable service must be presented at time of application. Acceptable forms of proof will be DD214 or DD295.

### *Current Schedule of Student Charges*

Tuition and fees are in US dollars and are subject to change without notice.

#### Tuition

Per preparatory English unit .....	\$564
Per undergraduate unit .....	\$468
Per graduate unit (Bible & Theology).....	\$468
Per graduate unit (MACP / MAMFT).....	\$604
Per post-graduate unit (D.Min.) .....	\$488
Per post-graduate unit (Psy.D.) .....	\$845
Per post-graduate unit (Psy.D.) .....	\$639

#### Fees

Application fee (international students, non-refundable).....	\$163
Application fee (postgraduate, non-refundable) .....	\$81
Application fee (undergraduate and graduate, non-refundable) .....	\$48
Audit fee (per undergraduate and graduate Bible & Theology course) .....	\$130
Audit fee (per Behavioral Sciences course) .....	\$300
Certificate of enrollment fee .....	\$22
Change from special status to degree program .....	\$43
Change of course fee (add/drop, per form) .....	\$43
Course continuation fee (per course) .....	\$195
Directed instruction fee (per course).....	\$195
Dormitory room (per day, per room, single occupancy).....	\$18
Dormitory, small apartment C-217 (per day).....	\$20
Dormitory, small apartment D-211 (per month, single occupancy) .....	\$645
Dormitory, small apartment D-311 (per month, single occupancy) .....	\$722
Graduation certificate (for second and later issues only).....	\$22
Graduate fee.....	\$293
Late graduation petition fee (see Academic Calendar) .....	\$67
Late payment fee.....	\$50
Registration fee (waived during open registration week) .....	\$185
MA Counseling assessment proctor fee (if proctored by SCS) .....	\$33
Make-up assignment / examination .....	\$47
Masters thesis processing fee.....	\$171
Other change .....	\$43
Petition fee for course challenge .....	\$43
Petition fee for early or late final exam (per exam) .....	\$43
Petition fee for incomplete grade .....	\$43
Psy.D. library fee (per course) .....	\$200
Psy.D. program development (per unit).....	\$92
D.Min program development (per unit).....	\$154
Replacement diploma fee.....	\$48
Replacement student ID .....	\$25
Service charge for returned checks .....	\$37
Technology (on campus/online course, per course).....	\$116
Technology BS programs (online course, per course).....	\$155
Transcript fee (per transcript) .....	\$8

*Schedule of Program Costs*

Term	AACM OC/OL	BABS OC/OL	MACM/ MAIS OC/OL	MABS OC/OL	MDIV OC/OL	TH.M OC/OL	MACC OC/OL	MAPA OC/OL	DMIN OC/OL
FA1	6,080	6,080	3,040	4,560	4,560	4,560	4,560	4,560	
SP1	6,080	6,080	3,040	4,560	4,560	5,144	4,560	4,560	6,420
SU1	6,080	6,080	3,040	4,560	4,560	6,080	4,560	4,560	↓
FA2	6,080	6,080	3,040	4,560	4,560	6,080	4,560	4,560	1,284
SP2	6,373 <sup>1</sup>	6,080	3,040	3,040	4,560	6,080	3,040	3,040	6,420
SU2		6,080	3,333 <sup>1</sup>	3,040	4,560	6,080	3,333 <sup>1</sup>	3,040	↓
FA3		6,080		3,040	4,560	4,560		3,040	1,284
SP3		6,080		3,333 <sup>1</sup>	4,560	4,560		3,333 <sup>1</sup>	6,420
SU3		6,080			3,624	4,560			↓
FA4		3,040			3,624	4,560			1,577 <sup>1</sup>
SP4		1,636			2,572	4,560			
SU4		1,929 <sup>1</sup>			2,865 <sup>1</sup>	2,104			
FA5						2,104			
SP5						1,052			
SU5						1,345 <sup>1</sup>			
Total	30,693	61,325	18,533	30,693	49,165	63,429	24,613	30,693	23,405

Term	MACP OC	MACP OL	MAMFT OC	MAMFT OL	PSYD OC	PSYD OL	KEY
FA1	7,268 <sup>24</sup>	7,346 <sup>24</sup>	7,268 <sup>24</sup>	7,346 <sup>24</sup>	4,849 <sup>4</sup>	4,927 <sup>4</sup>	FA=Fall; SP=Spring; SU=Summer OC = On Campus; OL = Online
SP1	6,448 <sup>2</sup>	6,487 <sup>2</sup>	6,448 <sup>2</sup>	6,487 <sup>2</sup>	4,029	4,068	
SU1	6,468 <sup>23</sup>	6,507 <sup>23</sup>	6,468 <sup>23</sup>	6,507 <sup>23</sup>	4,049 <sup>3</sup>	4,088 <sup>3</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Includes \$270 graduation fee.
FA2	3,548 <sup>4</sup>	3,587 <sup>4</sup>	3,548 <sup>4</sup>	3,587 <sup>4</sup>	4,129 <sup>4</sup>	4,168 <sup>4</sup>	<sup>2</sup> Includes \$3,000 (typical) for mandatory 20 individual and 20 group personal counseling sessions.
SP2	3,448	3,487	3,448	3,487	4,029	4,068	<sup>3</sup> Includes \$20 for annual malpractice insurance premium.
SU2	3,468 <sup>3</sup>	3,507 <sup>3</sup>	3,468 <sup>3</sup>	3,507 <sup>3</sup>	4,049 <sup>3</sup>	4,088 <sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup> Includes \$100 for annual Taylor Study Method access.
FA3	4,676 <sup>4</sup>	4,793 <sup>4</sup>	4,676 <sup>4</sup>	4,793 <sup>4</sup>	4,129 <sup>4</sup>	4,168 <sup>4</sup>	Prices subject to change without notice. Charges in US dollars based on the current schedule of tuition and fees. Actual program costs may vary depending on the student's incoming status and personal factors.
SP3	5,180	5,297	5,180	5,297	5,018	5,096	
SU3	5,200 <sup>3</sup>	5,317 <sup>3</sup>	5,200 <sup>3</sup>	5,317 <sup>3</sup>	5,038 <sup>3</sup>	5,116 <sup>3</sup>	
FA4	3,956 <sup>4</sup>	4,034 <sup>4</sup>	3,956 <sup>4</sup>	4,034 <sup>4</sup>	2,609 <sup>4</sup>	2,648 <sup>4</sup>	
SP4	3,856	3,934	3,856	3,934	2,509	2,548	
SU4	3,876 <sup>3</sup>	3,954 <sup>3</sup>	3,876 <sup>3</sup>	3,954 <sup>3</sup>	2,529 <sup>3</sup>	2,568 <sup>3</sup>	
FA5	2,321 <sup>14</sup>	2,360 <sup>14</sup>	2,321 <sup>14</sup>	2,360 <sup>14</sup>	2,609 <sup>4</sup>	2,648 <sup>4</sup>	

## Financial Information, Student Accounts

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Term	MACP OC	MACP OL	MAMFT OC	MAMFT OL	PSYD OC	PSYD OL	KEY
SP5					2,509	2,548	
SU5					2,822 <sup>13</sup>	2,861 <sup>13</sup>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,713</b>	<b>60,610</b>	<b>59,713</b>	<b>60,610</b>	<b>54,906</b>	<b>55,608</b>	

### *Student Tuition Recovery Fund*

The State of California created the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic losses suffered by students in educational programs who are California residents, or are enrolled in a residency program attending certain schools regulated by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

You may be eligible for STRF if you are a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

1. The school closed before the course of instruction was completed.
2. The school's failure to pay refunds or charges on behalf of a student to a third party for license fees or any other purpose, or to provide equipment or materials for which a charge was collected within 180 days before the closure of the school.
3. The school's failure to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federally guaranteed student loan program as required by law or to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the school prior to closure in excess of tuition and other costs.
4. There was a material failure to comply with the Act or the Division within 30-days before the school closed or, if the material failure began earlier than 30-days prior to closure, the period determined by the Bureau.
5. An inability after diligent efforts to prosecute, prove, and collect on a judgment against the institution for a violation of the Act.

However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.

You must pay the state-imposed assessment for the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) if all of the following applies to you:

1. You are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition either by cash, guaranteed student loans, or personal loans, and
2. Your total charges are not paid by any third-party payer such as an employer, government program or other payer unless you have a separate agreement to repay the third-party.

Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the STRF assessment. This assessment is nonrefundable.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if either of the following applies:

1. You are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program, or

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2. Your total charges are paid by a third-party, such as an employer, government program or other payer, and you have no separate agreement to repay the third-party.

## Student Financial Aid

Financial aid is available as scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study or scholarship to help pay educational expenses. The Financial Aid Office helps students access all potential sources of financial aid. Financial Aid programs have special requirements that must be followed for students to remain eligible for funds.

It is hoped that each student will be able to work out a financial plan that avoids undue financial pressure, excessive employment, or unmanageable indebtedness. Each student is responsible for his or her educational expenses.

A student who obtains a loan will have to repay the full amount of the loan plus interest, less the amount of any refund, and, if the student receives federal student financial aid funds, the student is entitled to a refund of the money not paid from federal financial aid funds.

### Selective Service

Every male citizen of the United States and male immigrant residing in the U.S., ages 18 through 25, must register with the Selective Service. Failure to register also may cause men to permanently lose eligibility for student federal financial aid, government employment, job training, and U.S. citizenship for male immigrants.

### *General Financial Aid Information*

The following information provides a basic understanding of key financial aid requirements. Requirements may change to conform to the latest regulations. Contact the Financial Aid Office for the latest information. The following process is typical.

1. Student completes a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the website.
2. Department of Education informs SCS Financial Aid of the outcome. Applicants can also view the results online.
3. Financial Aid will import the FAFSA manually and notify the student that they have received it.
4. Student, once admitted to study at SCS, enrolls in courses.
5. Financial Aid reviews the student's aid application and awards the student.
6. Financial Aid sends an award letter to the student detailing what steps to take in light of the awarded aid.
7. Student reviews the award letter and indicates which type of aid is desired. If the student wishes to decline the award, they must notify the Financial Aid Office immediately.
8. Financial Aid will begin the process of disbursing the funds two weeks after classes begin for each term, depending on the form of aid.

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA is the basic form used to apply for all financial aid. Applicants should complete it online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The SCS school code is 033323. The FAFSA must be completed each year online.

### Passive Acceptance

Award letters are completed by SCS once the student has been packaged for aid. The information contained in the award letter include all aid awarded to the student, along with cost of attendance

budgetary figures. Since it is no longer a requirement to have a signed award letter, SCS has switched to a “passive acceptance” system, where students are told to return a signed award letter or to email the financial aid office only if they want to reject one or more forms of financial aid (or to reduce the amount of loans).

### Financial Aid Award Letter

The financial aid award letter is an offer of financial assistance that is generated once the student is officially admitted to SCS and the student’s electronic Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR—the results of the student’s FAFSA) is received.

The award letter will state the instructions for reviewing their award and the steps to take for the award to be disbursed.

### File Completion

SCS will not disburse funds to the student’s account until the student’s financial aid file is complete. Start early. The Financial Aid Office will help direct applicants through the process, but the applicant must do the work. The financial aid file must be complete before the first day of class of a new term.

### Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Purposes

A student who fails to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for an enrollment period (trimester) will be placed on Academic and Financial Aid Warning. The student will still be eligible to receive Title IV funds for one trimester while on Warning. If SAP is not achieved after the trimester on Warning, or if a student is placed on Academic Probation, the student will be ineligible for further Title IV funding.

Students on Financial Aid Suspension may appeal and reapply for Financial Aid only after completing one trimester of enrollment, paying out-of-pocket, and regaining minimum academic standards immediately following the trimester in which the Financial Aid Suspension was earned. To appeal, a student must submit a letter to the Financial Aid Office stating why the student failed to meet SAP and what has changed that will allow the student to meet SAP going forward. The appeal letter must be signed and delivered to the Financial Aid Office by mail, email, or fax within seven business days of the Financial Aid Ineligibility/Suspension notice.

### Notification of Change

Students must promptly notify the Financial Aid Office of any changes that may affect the student’s eligibility to receive aid. These include changes to class load, financial status, address, withdrawal, or similar events.

### Withdrawal from SCS

Withdrawal from SCS may directly affect the student’s right to receive financial aid. Contact the Financial Aid Office before withdrawing.

### Adjustments to Aid

Adjustments to federal and state aid can be made through the drop date of the first module. After that date, if the student drops a course that changes his or her eligibility to below half-time, eligibility for loans will be lost.

### Dropping a Course(s) When Financial Aid Is Received

Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress when receiving financial aid. Non-completion or dropping a course(s) when financial aid is received does not constitute satisfactory academic progress. A student will be placed on academic warning for the trimester when any course is dropped where financial aid is received. This applies to: (1) official student drops, or drops done by the student following approved dropping procedures (see Officially Dropping a Course); (2) administrative drops, or drops due to non-attendance for the first week of a modular class or the first two weeks of a trimester class (unless a petition for course continuance is approved); and (3) Unofficial Withdrawals, or drops where the student attends a class and then exceeds the absence policy without officially dropping the course.

### Apply Annually

Students must apply for financial aid each academic year. Federal and state financial aid does not automatically continue each year.

### Financial Aid Refunds

If a student withdraws or is expelled from SCS after a term has begun, SCS or the student may be required to return some of the financial aid funds awarded to the student. This *Return of Title IV Funds* policy is required by federal regulations.

The federal formula requires a return of Title IV federal aid if the student received federal financial assistance and withdrew on or before completing 60 percent of the term. The percentage of Title IV aid to be returned is equal to the number of days remaining in the term divided by the number of calendar days in the term. Scheduled breaks of five or more consecutive days are excluded.

### Government Financial Aid

Several government-based financial aid programs are available to students based on federal and state laws.

### General Federal Program Requirements

SCS participates in the federal financial aid program. The following eligibility requirements must be met to receive federal financial aid:

1. Submit a FAFSA upon application to SCS. List SCS (school code number 033323) as the first choice to ensure that the reply is sent to SCS.
2. Demonstrate financial need. Eligibility is determined by a formula established by the Department of Education that is based on income, family size, financial ability, and number of children (or parents) now in college.
3. Establish enrollment status of at least quarter-time (half-time for federal loan programs).
4. Maintain satisfactory academic progress toward the specified degree.
5. Be current on the previous loan payments according to re-payment schedules and do not owe a repayment of Federal aid.
6. Register with the Selective Service if you are male and required by law to do so.
7. Complete all applicable forms requested by SCS Financial Aid.
8. Also, students may be required to provide evidence of U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or another eligible noncitizen status. See the FAFSA for details.
9. A student must be qualified to study at the postsecondary level. A student qualifies if he/she:

- a. has a high school diploma (this can be from a foreign school if it is equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma);
- b. has the recognized equivalent of a high school diploma, such as a general education development or GED certificate;
- c. has completed homeschooling at the secondary level as defined by state law; or
- d. has completed secondary school education in a homeschool setting which qualifies for an exemption from compulsory attendance requirements under state law, if state law does not require a homeschooled student to receive a credential for their education.

### *Grants*

A grant is money for recipients to use for educational expenses related to attendance at SCS. Grants do not have to be repaid. Financial Aid will notify students who qualify to apply for a grant. Federal grants are available based on financial need. The student does not have to repay a grant.

#### **Pell Grants**

Pell Grants range from approximately \$649–\$6,345 annually based on the information in the student's FAFSA. Notification of eligibility (Student Aid Report—SAR) will be sent by email to students who applied online or mailed to students approximately 1-2 weeks after submitting a paper application.

#### **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant**

SEOGs are awarded according to SCS policy and range from \$100–\$500.

### *Federal Loans*

The William D. Ford Direct Loan Program offers low-interest loans for students and parents. The lender is the U.S. Department of Education rather than a bank. For subsidized loans available to undergraduate students only, the interest is paid by the Federal government while student is in school at least half-time, and during grace and deferment periods (not to exceed grace period). For unsubsidized loans, interest is charged during all periods. Student may pay the interest only, or allow interest to accrue, until payments are due. Direct loans are available to eligible students enrolled at least half-time.

#### **Interest Rates**

The interest rate for Direct Subsidized Loans for undergraduates with a first disbursement date between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 is 4.99%. Direct Unsubsidized Loans for graduate students and Direct Unsubsidized Loans for undergraduate students is 6.54% and 6.28% for Direct PLUS Loans.

In addition to interest, student pays a loan origination fee that is a percentage of the principal amount of the loan, before the student receives any loan money, so the amount the student receives will be less than the amount the student has to repay.

#### **Repayment**

Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans have a 6-month grace period that starts the day after the student graduates, leaves the school, or drops below half-time enrollment. Student does not have to make payments until the grace period ends.

Repayment on Direct PLUS Loans begin 60 days after the last installment of the loan for that school year is made. However, there is the option to defer payment of a Direct PLUS Loan. Visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) > Repaying Your Loans > Postponing Repayment.

### Origination Fees

Direct loans may be subsidized or unsubsidized. The lender will deduct origination fees from the gross loan amount. Loan limits are based on dependency status and grade level.

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior/Senior
Dependent	\$3,500*	\$4,500*	\$5,500*
Independent	\$9,500	10,500	\$12,500

\*Maximum subsidized eligibility.

### *Federal Work Study*

Federal Work Study is an employment opportunity for traditional students with financial need and with minimal eligibility for other programs. Funds come from Federal and institutional contributions. The availability of FWS depends primarily on the needs of SCS, although some community service jobs may be available. SCS has a limited amount of FWS funds available. The money is earned while attending SCS and it does not have to be repaid. At the student's discretion, earnings may be credited to the student's account as work is performed and hours properly recorded. Federal work study positions are eliminated when the funds are exhausted.

### *Institutional Aid*

A scholarship is institutional aid supplied by an individual or an organization designed to assist SCS students financially in completing their intended degree objective. A scholarship is directed to students who qualify according to the criteria of a specific scholarship of choice. A student who completes the program of study for which the scholarship was awarded does not have to repay the scholarship. Sources of scholarships include state agencies, private foundations, various organizations, individuals, and schools. SCS offers institutional scholarships to eligible students.

### Scholarships

Southern California Seminary administers scholarships when funds are available. Scholarships normally apply for one year but are renewable, funds permitting. The scholarship committee determines scholarships for the doctoral programs. Scholarships are secondary to Pell Grants and federal financial aid. Scholarships are applied at the end of the term and never produce a credit balance (i.e., refund to the student).

### Scholarship Eligibility

Applicants for scholarships, depending on the aid desired, must:

1. Be either accepted into or enrolled in a degree program at SCS,
2. Be in good financial standing as determined by the Student Accounts Manager, and
3. Be in good academic standing as defined in this Catalog at the time of initial and renewal of applications.
4. Be enrolled on-campus if located within San Diego (El Cajon campus) or Los Angeles (LA site) county.

## Institutional Scholarship Guidelines

The following general guidelines apply to the institutional scholarship programs at SCS:

- SCS scholarships are need and merit based.
- Applicants must meet all of the eligibility criteria for the particular scholarship desired, but doing so does not guarantee an award.
- Scholarship committee determines award for all students.
- Availability of scholarship funds determines the level of the award.
- Scholarships are for the current academic school year and not for retroactive application and are non-transferrable.
- No more than one scholarship per student per academic year.
- Scholarship packages must be renewed annually. Deadlines are posted on the SCS website each year.
- Application of the award occurs after the receipt of all other forms of aid (federal grants, etc.).
- Undergraduate students must complete a FAFSA application for the current academic year.
- Cal Grant recipients are not eligible for institutional scholarships.
- Scholarships are for degree seeking students only. Audit courses and courses for personal enrichment are not eligible for scholarships.
- Students on academic probation are ineligible to receive scholarship funds.
- Any failure of a course due to an earned grade of “F” or due to absences is not eligible for scholarship funds. Full cost of the tuition and fees is the responsibility of the student upon failure of the course.
- Student must be in good financial and academic standing with the Seminary.
- The total annual scholarship awards are divided into three equal amounts for equal disbursement over the three trimester for that respective academic year. Funds do not accumulate from module to module or year to year. Funds are disbursed for a specific module and are not transferable.
- Scholarships may never produce a credit balance (i.e. refund to the student).
- Recipients must notify the financial aid department immediately upon any change in eligibility. Failure to report changes are: (1) a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and (2) grounds for disciplinary action.

## The Gary and Donna Coombs Equippers Scholarship

This scholarship provides institutional financial assistance to qualified students. Dr. Gary Coombs and his wife Donna Coombs believe that finances should not prevent students from achieving their educational goal. Students who apply for this scholarship must demonstrate a high capacity for growth and ministry. The level of award is dependent upon student need and availability of funds.

### *Eligibility Requirements*

The following requirements apply:

- Complete and submit the application in full at least 2 weeks before the start of a module.
- Provide a Pastoral Reference Letter detailing ministry involvement.
- Submit an Essay detailing past and current ministry involvement and future goals. Please be sure the essay is at least 1,000 words.
- Submit an Essay detailing financial need. Please be sure the essay is at least 500 words.
- Completion of the FAFSA .

- Good Financial Standing at SCS. Should standing change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Should GPA change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain on-campus enrollment if located within San Diego (El Cajon campus) or Los Angeles (LA site) county.

### Ministry Worker Scholarship

This scholarship provides institutional financial aid to students actively working or volunteering in a Christian ministry. Level of award is dependent upon student need and availability of funds.

#### *Eligibility Requirements*

The following requirements apply:

- Complete and submit the application in full at least 2 weeks before the start of a module. For Modules 2-6 applications will only be accepted from students who are enrolling for the first time in the academic year. Please see the website for specific deadlines. Provide a letter from the Senior Pastor or a Board Member outlining the applicant's position, responsibilities, and other applicable information. Provide the Church or Ministry Doctrinal Statement. Completion of the FAFSA – if an Undergraduate. Good Financial Standing at SCS. Should standing change, the recipient will become ineligible. Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Should GPA change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain on-campus enrollment if located within San Diego (El Cajon campus) or Los Angeles (LA site) county.

### Church Matching Scholarship.

SCS will match designated Christian church gifts for students up to 25% of the student's tuition after all other scholarships and grants applied. The SCS match will not exceed \$2,100 per academic year. This need-based scholarship is dependent on the availability of funds. Please note: parachurch organizations, denominational conventions, and mission organizations are *not* eligible.

#### *Eligibility Requirements*

The following requirements apply:

- Complete and submit the application in full at least 2 weeks before the start of a module. Provide a copy of the church's Doctrinal Statement.
- Provide a letter from the church pastor or board confirming funds from the church.
- Completion of the FAFSA – if an Undergraduate.
- Good Financial Standing at SCS. Should standing change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Should GPA change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain on-campus enrollment if located within San Diego (El Cajon campus) or Los Angeles (LA site) county.

If approved the recipient's church must:

- Make checks out to Southern California Seminary, memo: "Church Matching Gift-*Name of Student*."
- Send checks to: Southern California Seminary, Attn: Student Accounts Office, 2075 E Madison Ave, El Cajon, CA 92019.
- Application of the Seminary portion is made upon receipt of the church's gift.

### Household Scholarship

Eligible household members (SCS holds to a scriptural definition of marriage, see the Statement of Faith: A Biblical Statement on Gender, Sexuality, and Marriage) of current SCS students may receive a scholarship. This benefit applies only to the household member taking the lesser number of units in a term with the lesser tuition. Fees are the responsibility of the student. Other seminary policies apply.

### Active Duty Military Scholarship

SCS will discount the cost of tuition for active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces enrolled in a Bible degree program. This benefit is available only to active duty service members.

#### *Eligibility Requirements*

The following requirements apply:

- Complete and submit the application in full at least 2 weeks before the start of a module. For Modules 2-6 applications will only be accepted from students who are enrolling for the first time in the academic year. Please see the website for specific deadlines. Provide a copy of Military ID.
- Completion of the FAFSA – if an Undergraduate. Good Financial Standing at SCS. Should standing change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Good Academic Standing at SCS. Should standing change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain on-campus enrollment if located within San Diego (El Cajon campus) or Los Angeles (LA site) county.

### MDiv Scholarship

SCS offers a scholarship for Masters of Divinity students.

#### *Eligibility Requirements*

The following requirements apply:

- Complete and submit the application in full at least 2 weeks before the start of a module. For Modules 2-6 applications will only be accepted from students who are enrolling for the first time in the academic year. Please see the website for specific deadlines.
- Have a completed Masters degree from SCS.
- Good Financial Standing at SCS. Should standing change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Should GPA change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain on-campus enrollment if located within San Diego (El Cajon campus) or Los Angeles (LA site) county.

### ThM Scholarship

SCS offers a scholarship for Masters of Theology students.

#### *Eligibility Requirements*

The following requirements apply:

- Complete and submit the application in full at least 2 weeks before the start of a module. Have completed 90 units at SCS.

- Good Financial Standing at SCS. Should standing change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA. Should GPA change, the recipient will become ineligible.
- Maintain on-campus enrollment if located within San Diego (El Cajon campus) or Los Angeles (LA site) county.

#### SMCC and Turning Point Ministry Employee Benefit

SCS offers discounted tuition for full-time employees of Shadow Mountain Community Church and Turning Point. Restrictions apply. Full-time employees of those ministries may contact Financial Aid Department for details.

#### Other Scholarships

Other scholarships may become available. To check availability of additional scholarships visit the Financial Aid Department section of the SCS website or contact the Financial Aid Department by email at [financial.aid@socalsem.edu](mailto:financial.aid@socalsem.edu).

## Veterans' Assistance

SCS is approved for the training of veterans and eligible persons under the provisions of Title 38, United States Code. Veterans and eligible persons are to comply with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations concerning the use of educational benefits.

The Military Benefits Coordinator provides personalized advisement and services to enable each eligible member to obtain the appropriate education benefits from the Department of Defense (DOD) and/or Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). Examples of support are education benefit counseling, assistance with completing and submitting the required forms for education benefits, as well as information about educational opportunities at SCS.

For a description of available education benefits available to veterans, visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). Additional assistance can be provided by contacting the VA through their online "ask a question" function by going to [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) and click on "Submit a Question." To speak to a Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Counselor or call the toll-free number 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) for assistance.

### *Eligibility*

Eligibility criteria for veterans' education benefits are determined by the type and length of service completed. Each veteran's experience is different. The VA determines eligibility for veterans' education benefits. Prior to enrollment in courses, veterans and eligible members are to verify eligibility and elect a benefit chapter with the VA.

Disabled veterans may be entitled to additional benefits. To determine eligibility disabled veterans are to contact the VA via phone at (800) 827-1000 or visit the San Diego Veterans Affairs Regional Office at:

Veterans Administration Regional Office  
8820 Rio San Diego Drive  
San Diego, CA 92108

### *Certification of Education Benefits*

Veterans and eligible persons must be certified to receive benefits. SCS will certify education benefits in accordance with VA regulations. To receive education benefits students must:

- Apply to and be accepted as a student to SCS.
- Submit official transcripts from all schools you have previously attended for prior credit evaluation and award.
- Register for classes in accordance with the specified degree plan.
- Complete the SCS Student Responsibility Agreement.
- Submit a copy of one of the following documents: DD 214, DD295, Certificate of Eligibility, 22-1990, or 22-1995.

### *Payment of Education Benefits by the Veteran's Administration*

SCS will not impose and penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or require that a student covered 100% under

Chapters 31 or 33 borrow funds to cover the cost of tuition and fees due to a delayed disbursement of funding from the VA.

### *Academic Progress and Suspension of Veterans Education Benefits*

Veterans Education Benefits will be suspended if any one of following conditions occurs within two consecutive trimesters:

- A grade point average that falls below a 2.00 letter grade of “C”;
- And/or a failure of a second course of instruction, regardless of whether or not the student switches majors.

The SCS Military Benefits Coordinator will provide assistance and counseling as needed.

### *Reinstatement of Veterans Education Benefits*

To reinstate Veterans Education Benefits, students are required to wait a minimum of one trimester from the date of suspension of Veterans Education Benefits. Students must submit a written request to the SCS Military Benefits Coordinator. The request must:

- Stipulate the circumstance(s) that caused the unsatisfactory performance that prompted the suspension of Veterans Education Benefits, and
- Produce evidence that the conditions that prompted the suspension are corrected to prevent further disruption.

The Military Benefits Coordinator will forward the request to the Dean of Enrollment Services, the respective Academic Dean, and the Provost/Chief Academic Officer for review and final approval. Students will receive notification by official letter delivered through U.S. post concerning the final disposition of their request.

### *Liability*

The Department of Veterans Affairs funds courses that apply to the student's approved degree program. Failure to take the prescribed courses for degree completion will result in an overpayment of benefits which will lead to reduction or termination of benefit eligibility. Veterans assume full responsibility and liability for any overpayment of benefits.

### *VA Refunds*

Refunds for students receiving veteran's benefits are prorated based on the total number of units.

### *Academic Load*

The standards for classifying a student as full time in any given trimester are as follows:

- 12 units for all undergraduate degrees (AACM, AA to BA, BABS).
- 9 units for all graduate Bible programs (MACM, MACC, MAPA, MABS, MDiv).
- 6 units for all graduate Behavioral Sciences programs (MACP, MAMFT)
- 6 units for all post-graduate programs in Bible and Behavioral Sciences (ThM, DMin PsyD)
- 2 units for all ThM students who have completed all coursework except the thesis.
- 3 units for all PsyD students who have completed all coursework except the dissertation.

Unit counts below this standard are classified as part-time. Any additional units taken that exceed these unit requirements are subject to the academic standing evaluation process and such units will be in addition to the degree requirements. All courses will show on the student's transcript.

### Veteran Schedule/Course Adjustments

Students using Veterans Education Benefits are to immediately report schedule adjustments in accordance with SCS established procedures (i.e. adds, drops, withdrawals) to the Registrar and the Military Benefits Coordinator. Changes in enrollment after the last day to drop and add courses may result in the retroactive loss of benefits unless the VA finds mitigating circumstances involved in the change. Loss of benefits could revert back to the first day of class. Failure to follow the prescribed reporting procedures could result in the suspension of Veteran Education Benefits.

### Repeated Classes

The VA will not fund the retaking of courses that were successfully completed with a passing grade. Passing grades are defined for each program under Grade System in this Catalog.

### Transcripts

Veterans are required to provide an official transcript from all schools attended following high school and their official Joint Service Transcript (JST). Certification for benefits for the second trimester will be withheld until transcripts are received.

### *Tuition Assistance*

Eligible active duty service members are encouraged to use their Tuition Assistance (TA) benefit to attend SCS.

### *Yellow Ribbon Program*

The Yellow Ribbon Program established by the Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 allows institutions of higher learning to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition and fee expenses that exceed the tuition and fee amounts payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill®.

As an active participant, SCS will contribute up to 50% of tuition and fees above the annual education cap set for private schools and the VA will match the difference. This program is open to all SCS eligible students who are currently in good academic and financial standing with the Seminary.

Individuals entitled to the maximum Veteran Education Benefit rate (100 %) are eligible to receive Yellow Ribbon benefits. General eligibility requirements include:

- Only individuals entitled to the maximum benefit rate (100% based on service requirement).
- Honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability and served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001.
- Be a dependent eligible for Transfer of Entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® based on a veteran's service under the eligibility criteria listed above.

### *Active Duty Scholarship*

SCS will discount the cost of tuition for active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces enrolled in a Bible degree program. This benefit is available only to active duty service members.

#### Eligibility Requirements

The following requirements apply:

- Proof of eligibility: submit a copy of your current military identification card, or other supporting documentation.
- Submit package to [financial.aid@socalsem.edu](mailto:financial.aid@socalsem.edu), or by fax to 619-201-8958.
- Other seminary policies apply.

### *Active Duty Undergraduate Residency Waiver*

Southern California Seminary limits academic residency to no more than 25% of the undergraduate degree requirements for active duty service members. Academic residency can be completed at any time while active duty servicemen are enrolled. Reservists and National Guardsman on active duty are covered in the same manner in this waiver.

## Campus Life

Campus life encompasses the non-academic activities associated with being a student at Southern California Seminary. The major components of campus life are: new student orientation, general campus services, student housing, health and safety, student activities, student conduct, Student Forum, and advisement services.

The programs at SCS are operated within an adult, commuter student learning and social environment. Some student activities appropriate to a traditional format are not conducted. Instead, SCS seeks to actively engage, support, and encourage academic and social activities that are most helpful and appropriate for SCS students.

## Spiritual Life

Campus community is a product of the campus life of each student and employee. Campus life begins with a genuine relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

### Devotional Life

All students are encouraged to cultivate habits of devotion to God and service to others based on the Word of God. Prayer is a normal part of campus life. The staff regularly prays together. Classes regularly begin or end in prayer. Faculty and staff serve locally, nationally, and internationally. You will have many opportunities to minister and your increased understanding of God's Word will promote your growth in grace and experiential knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please take advantage of the opportunities before you.

### Church Attendance

Students are expected to be an active part of a local church, attending regularly and taking part in Christian service. If you are unfamiliar with the San Diego area and are seeking a church, please contact Student Services or feel free to talk to your professors, staff, or fellow students.

Shadow Mountain Community Church, located opposite the seminary on the east side of Greenfield Drive, is the home church of SCS. SMCC welcomes you to attend and participate in its activities while you attend SCS. However, you are not required to attend the SCS home church.

### Ministry Opportunities

Students interested in securing a position with a local church or ministry should contact the Director of Student Services. Additionally, jobs and opportunities for students are occasionally posted on the website.

### Multicultural Campus

The SCS student body is culturally diverse. We welcome and seek to enroll students from a wide variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds so that the student body truly reflects the spiritual unity of the family of God (Galatians 3:28). When culture (the ways of man) and Scripture (the ways of God) conflict, SCS will subject culture to the authority of the Word of God.

## Campus Services

Whether the concern is housing, mail, parking, or any of the routine non-academic functions students depend on SCS to provide, they are probably a part of campus services. Here are some things students need to know.

### Bookstore

SCS does not operate a bookstore. Shopping online has proven very economical for our students.

### Student Parking

Except for vehicles legally authorized to be parked in handicap spaces, vehicle parking for students is restricted to the large parking lot on the lower elevation. The basic parking rule is, *No student parking on the hill*. Handicapped parking is provided on the higher elevation in the Visitor Parking lot in front of the Administration Building (E), the Administration Building (B) and next to the South Dormitory (Building D). Parking permits are not required.

Vehicles parked in fire lanes, loading zones, or handicap spaces are automatically and without warning subject to towing at the owner's expense. The paved drive encircling the Administration building is a fire lane. Parking regulations are enforced 24 hours a day, every day.

First Offense .....	Warning
Second Offense.....	A fine is assessed
Third Offense.....	Subject to towing at owner's expense

### Mail Delivery

Each student resides in the dorms at the El Cajon campus is assigned a mailbox to receive their mail. Student mailboxes are located in SCS Academics/Administration Building (A). Please check your mailbox periodically for official correspondence from the seminary. Mail is delivered via USPS each weekday and can be picked up during Seminary business hours. The correct mailing address for residential students is shown below.

Firstname Lastname  
2075 East Madison Avenue, Box-113  
El Cajon, CA 92019-1108

### Childcare

SCS does not provide personnel or facilities for the care of the children of students. Students must provide off-campus childcare for children while attending classes at SCS.

### Office and Classroom Access

No student is allowed in any office or classroom after business hours unless he or she is conducting official Seminary business or explicitly authorized by a Seminary official.

## Student Forum

Student Forum is the venue where students can meet to have their voices formally heard. The Forum convenes twice each trimester.

### Student Representation

Student government is provided through the SCS Student Council which meets once per trimester. The Student council consists of graduate student assistants and student workers (five students on the council). Student Council members are selected annually by vote of the Student Council to be the Student Council President, Vice-president and Secretary. They provide a regularly scheduled Student Forum for student input, discussion, organization, concerns, and prayer regarding SCS functions and activities. The student representatives also act as the action committee for any proposals sent by the Seminary Administrative Council to the Student Forum for action. Council updates are posted on the SCS website.

The Director of Student Services is the staff representative to the Student Forum. Any proposals or concerns developed by the student body are presented to the Seminary Administrative Council through the Director of Student Services.

### Student Input

SCS has an open-door policy regarding student concerns. If, after investigation and due consideration, a student believes that a policy is contrary to Scripture, inequitable, or may otherwise be improved, the student may present the matter in writing and with recommendations to the Student Forum. Students should continue under current policy until the issue is resolved.

### Community Input

Members of the community, such as a pastor or family members of a student are welcome to discuss school policies with school officials or to make suggestions that would improve operations at SCS. Suggestions will be taken seriously. Student Forum acts as the sponsor of such persons and provides the venue for their input into Seminary processes.

## Seminary Library

### Seminary Library

Southern California Seminary operates a joint library with San Diego Christian College in Spring Valley, CA. The library provides the communities of San Diego Christian College and Southern California Seminary with services and resources that reflect depth of knowledge and diversity of opinion to develop critical thinking skills and encourage lifelong learning. For a complete description of the library's holdings, services, staff, and to access its online collections, go to: <http://library.sdcc.edu/>. An SCS Student ID card is required for library material checkout and other library services. Hours are posted.

### Facilities

The Seminary Library occupies the entire bottom floor of Building A. The Library's main floor contains a single-point service desk for circulation, course reserves, and reference help; the reference and circulating collections, oversize, atlases, and audio books, as well as an OPAC (library catalog), 3 public computers, and space for laptops and other devices, with one networked copier/printer/scanner (B/W & Color), and one study table. The Library Reading Room (Rm A-204) has the current periodical display as well as student study space with 5 tables, 2 study carrels and seating for 11. The Otto Reese Room (Rm A-203) contains the back files of the journal collection and special collections. Wireless is available as well as electrical outlets.

### Staff

The Seminary Library has a full-time librarian, Jennifer Ewing (MLIS, MACM) and part-time library assistant, Kathie Russell, as well as able library student staff who provide service for 56 hours a week.

### Research Assistance

The library staff welcomes and encourages any questions students may have about using the library. If you need help searching the library catalog or the databases, locating materials, or with any other research or reference need, call (619) 201-8966 or email the library: [library@socalsem.edu](mailto:library@socalsem.edu). Jennifer Ewing may be contacted directly at (619) 201-8967 or by email: [jewing@socalsem.edu](mailto:jewing@socalsem.edu).

### Collections

The library provides resources in a variety of formats. The library has a dynamic collection of over 745,594 items, including books, e-books, audio books, CDs and CDROMs, sheet music, streaming audio & video, VHS and DVDs. WorldCat (the library catalog) accesses the library holdings by author, title, subject, and keyword. You can remotely access our library catalog through the link under Research, or directly: <https://sdcclibrary.on.worldcat.org/discovery>. The library subscribes to nearly 90 databases which are available 24/7 from any Internet accessible computer. They include indexing and full-text to magazines and journals, music, streaming video, e-books, etc., with over 640,319 e-content items. For remote access to the databases, use your SCS student network username/password. There are over 39 current & backfile print periodical titles for in-library use and 39,900+ full-text online journals. New periodicals are displayed in the upstairs reading room. SDCC has an additional 29 current print subscriptions.

### Circulation Policies

Library materials are loaned for 3 weeks; materials are loaned to students enrolled in thesis or dissertations courses for 6 weeks. You can renew items once through your My Account in the library catalog or by contacting the library. To first access your My Account (upper right corner, click on Sign In), you need to create a password. There is a 20¢/day fine for each overdue item. Overdue materials or fines may prohibit you from checking out any other material until your account is cleared.

If the library owns a book that has been selected as a course textbook or supplemental text, it will be pulled from the circulating shelves and placed on Reserve during the module/semester. Faculty members can also place books, articles and other materials on reserve for students to read for a particular course. These materials are shelved behind the circulation desk and may be checked out for 3 days.

All library materials must be returned and fines paid by the end of each semester. Unpaid charges will be sent to the Student Accounts Office. Items not returned after 5 weeks will be considered lost. Lost or damaged items will be assessed a minimum of \$50 (or cost of item) plus a \$10 replacement fee.

### Off-Campus Access

The library uses a proxy server to authenticate all remote use / off-campus access to the databases. Use your personal SCS network account (the one you use for SCS email, not Populi). Please note: this account/login is different from getting access to your library patron account. For more information, <http://sdcc.libguides.com/accounts>.

### Interlibrary Loan, Item Transfers/Direct Mailing & Reciprocal Borrowing

Books and copies of articles may be borrowed from other libraries when the Seminary or College Library does not provide them. This service is for students, faculty and staff of SCS and SDC. Fill out the forms on the library website under Services | Interlibrary Loan. NOTE: If you cannot come to campus (i.e., you are a distance/online student), use the ILL service provided by your local public library (books only).

If you see a book in the library catalog located at the “College Library,” you can call, email, place a hold on it, or drop by the circulation desk and we will have it delivered to the Seminary Library within a day or two. You will be contacted by email when it is ready for pickup. Or you can visit the College Library and check it out yourself using your student ID just as SDCC students are welcome to visit here.

Direct Mailing is provided for distance/online students and faculty who cannot pick up books from the library on campus. When you find a book(s) in the library catalog that is located at either the “Seminary Library” or the “College Library,” you can request that it be mailed to you. The library will pay the postage going out and expects you to pay the postage coming back. To have books mailed to you, email the Seminary Library Director.

The Seminary Library participates in the CLC, ATLA and SCATLA reciprocal borrowing programs. More information is available on the website under Request Items. Contact the Seminary Library Director about getting access.

### Computers & Printing

Computers in the Seminary Library have Internet, email, Bible software, and Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint) for student use. Laptops are available for on-campus check out (4-hour limit/due by close of library).

An SCS network account username/password is needed to use the computers. Print/copy: BW 6¢/each - Color 25¢/each; Cash or check. Scanning to email is free. Wi-Fi and electrical outlets for laptops are available.

### San Diego Christian College Library

SDCC is located at 9400 Campo Rd, Spring Valley, CA, 91977. Email the library: library@sdcc.edu, or call (619) 201-8680. The library has professional librarians, well-qualified paraprofessional staff, and many able student assistants who provide service more than 70 hours a week during the fall and spring trimesters and roughly 40 hours a week during the summer. Hours are posted.

### Academic Resources

By its nature the education process sometimes requires consideration of alternate points of view, an understanding of views believed false, or honest inquiry into subjects incompletely understood. Therefore, the requirement or recommendation that students use a publication as part of their course of study does not constitute endorsement of its content by SCS. Likewise, the presence of a publication in the Library or other SCS-controlled place does not constitute endorsement by SCS of its content.

### *Academic Freedom (Doctrinal Liberty) of Students*

SCS believes in and practices academic freedom for students as well as for faculty. Students are free to inquire into and to examine all views. Because they are in a phase of theological formation they are not required to subscribe to the doctrinal statement of the Seminary. They are expected and encouraged to carefully and critically examine information until they are able to formulate their own convictions regarding truth. They are not required to agree with the viewpoints of their teachers but are expected to support divergent views clearly and logically. They are expected to express disagreement with faculty or other students with courtesy and respect.

### *Writing Center*

The Writing Center is located in the SCS Library and staffed by library student workers under the supervision of the Library Director. The Writing Center provides campus and online students with assistance with writing, proof-reading, editing, and formatting (Turabian and APA) student papers. The Writing Center website includes paper templates, guides, and videos about research and writing.

## Student Advisement

Southern California Seminary has resources available to help students make wise decisions, whether before an event or afterward. Southern California Seminary is pleased to accept students as they are and where they are in their journey with Christ—and help them go forward. The entire faculty and staff are available to give our students wise counsel.

### Spiritual Advisement

We all need it. In fact, one of the ways we grow is by heeding wise advice. Many of our faculty and staff have studied the Word of God and walked with God for decades. Their counsel is always available. Our home church, Shadow Mountain Community Church, has a wealth of services available, as do the many local churches in the area. You are not alone in your situation. Ask for a time to meet and see if they can be of help.

### Academic Advisement

Academic advisement refers to the academic counsel students receive from time to time while they work through their degree programs. SCS wants to provide students with the best support possible to help guide them on their educational path. Academic advisement is free of charge to all students.

### Degree Audit

At the core of academic advisement is the degree audit. The degree audit shows the requirements of your degree program and any previous academic course transfers that may apply to it. The degree audit serves as a checklist of the courses necessary to achieve a particular degree. Degree audits are available through Populi at any time.

### Academic Advising

Your Academic Advisor is the director of the program you are enrolled in. The Program Director knows the course progression for each degree and what trimesters, or modules courses will be offered. By working with your Program Director, students will know which courses to take and when so that they will pursue their degrees efficiently. The Program Director works in cooperation with the Dean and Registrar. When the Registrar finds a problem with a student's course enrollment form that cannot be resolved based on established policy, the Program Director will be called on to resolve it. The Program Director will ensure that the courses a student has chosen will support their educational and career goals. Your Academic Advisor can be located in your student record in Populi from the Student tab, on the right under Student Information.

### Student Responsibilities

Although SCS provides academic advisement, you have the primary responsibility for planning your academic program and meeting its graduation requirements. Not following the degree audit path may result in unnecessary delays in completing your degree. Some things you can do to pursue your degree efficiently include:

- Keep current with curricular requirements through materials available from the Seminary and your advisors;
- Keep informed of academic deadlines and changes in academic policies;
- Schedule and attend advising appointments during each registration period and at other times as needed;
- Prepare appropriate plans of study; and

- Diligently attend classes, satisfy class objectives, and complete assignments.

### Vocational Advisement

Closely aligned with academic advisement is vocational counseling and placement guidance which are available by appointment through the Academic Dean's office or Student Services. The two offices work together because the purpose of academic advisement is to help you get the training that will help you in your career. The purpose of vocational advisement at SCS is to direct students toward developing and achieving their educational, career, and life goals. To accomplish this mission, the Student Services office will assist students in exploring career interests, values, and goals to ensure appropriate course selection and educational program planning.

### Community Engagement

Knowledge is a gift to be applied to life and exercised daily. Southern California Seminary is pleased that many of our faculty and staff are actively and regularly engaged in local church service. Jesus came to serve and we want to be like Him. Perhaps you, too, want to become engaged in local church service in some way and could use some help getting there. If you do, contact Student Services.

## Computer and Network Use

Southern California Seminary provides each student with a network account which gives access to SCS email, SCS computers and the library's databases. Populi (register for classes, access to student records, and access to enrolled courses) has a separate username and password. SCS encourages its students to be computer literate, with an adequate proficiency in a word-processing program and an understanding of web-based research. Students need to have access to a computer, current word-processing software (such as Microsoft Word 2007 or newer), and an adequate high-speed internet connection (downloading, uploading course content). The Seminary Library provides computers for student use. Wireless internet is available on campus.

### Social Media

SCS encourages students and employees to interact in a Christ-honoring way via social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Vimeo, YouTube channel, etc. Compliance with the medium's policies is expected. Use of the SCS name, logo, nameplate, or other branding elements may not be used without the written permission of the SCS Administration.

### Prohibited Network Activity

The following and similar activities are prohibited. Violators may lose their network account and be subject to Seminary and civil proceedings.

- Use of network or any file-sharing software or devices that share, transmit, or receive copyrighted materials.
- Operation of programs or devices that may transmit viruses, worms, malware, etc., to other computers on the network.
- Operation of programs or devices, products, services, that may adversely affect performance of the network resulting in reduced quality of service for other users.
- Operation of any business or service (profit or nonprofit) via the network.
- Any activity that is illegal or against the letter and spirit of a Christian lifestyle.

### Links to External Websites Disclaimer

The SCS website may contain links to other sites on the Internet that are owned and operated by parties not under the control of SCS. Links are provided for convenience only and are not intended as a warranty or endorsement of any type regarding the products, services, or information offered on linked sites. Any use made of the products, services, or content found through any external website is the user's responsibility. SCS and its employees shall not be held responsible or liable in any way for such use.

## Student Conduct

Southern California Seminary is dedicated to training men and women who genuinely desire to live a Christ-honoring life. Being a student in good standing is the norm, that is, a student who is not under sanction such as Academic Warning, Academic Probation or disciplinary or academic integrity probation, suspension, or expulsion.

Although an understanding of what is unacceptable behavior is necessary for diagnostic purposes (see Paul do the same thing in Galatians 5:19-21), ultimately, loving behavior cannot be produced by following a list of do's and don'ts no matter how long or thoughtfully it is composed. Acceptable Christian behavior results from reliance on the Spirit of God to produce spiritual fruit in the believer (Galatians 5:22-23).

### Code of Student Conduct

The SCS Code of Student Conduct states the means for achieving the kind of lifestyle expected of trustees, administrators, faculty, and students. Traditionally, a code of conduct is used to enforce behavior by publishing a list of rules with consequences. The Seminary has stated the basis of Student Conduct in a way that reflects the grace of God. It is included in official publications. Southern California Seminary affirms that:

- Each Christian is to be Christlike in attitude and action. This is neither automatic nor instantaneous, but a growth process. This Christlikeness does not come by observing certain outward expectations but comes from within as the indwelling Spirit of God energizes the believer submitted to God (Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:12-13). As believers walk in fellowship with the Lord, being controlled and enabled by the Holy Spirit, they are changed to be more and more like Him (2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 2:12-13, 1 John 1:4-7).
- Believers are to glorify God in their bodies and are to live holy lives (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:13-16). Love toward God is evidenced by love for those without Christ (note Paul's example in 2 Corinthians 5:14 and Acts 18:5) and by love for fellow believers (1 John 3:16; 4:7-8).
- Living by God's grace, believers are to avoid even the appearance (every form) of wrongdoing (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Believers are called to freedom, but this is not to be an opportunity for the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:13).
- Individuals who, after spiritual instruction (Galatians 6:1), continue to dishonor the Lord by persisting in un-Christlike behavior or unruly conduct may, after due process, be dismissed from SCS (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

### Representative Misconduct

Disciplinary regulations at SCS give students general notice of prohibited conduct but should be read broadly. They are not designed to define misconduct in exhaustive terms. Consequently, the following kinds of misconduct do not comprise an exhaustive list but are representative of misconduct that violates the Code and supplies sufficient grounds for discipline. Misconduct not listed here, including conduct prohibited elsewhere in this Catalog, may also result in discipline. Discipline includes but is not limited to removal, suspension, or expulsion, as the Seminary determines.

1. Academic dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the Seminary.
2. Forgery, alteration or misuse of Seminary documents, records, or identification.
3. Obstruction or disruption of instructional, counseling, administrative, or other authorized Seminary activities.
4. Assault or battery, abuse or any threat of force or violence or hazing directed toward any person on Seminary owned property, or Seminary sponsored or supervised functions, or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.
5. Theft of or willful damage to Seminary property or theft of or willful damage to property of a member of the Seminary community, such as visitors, students, or employees of the Seminary on Seminary property or at an authorized Seminary activity.
6. Unauthorized entry onto or use of Seminary facilities.
7. Violation of Seminary rules or regulations including Seminary policies concerning student organization, use of Seminary facilities, or the time, place, and manner of student expression.
8. Use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or controlled substances on campus (except as expressly permitted by law) or presence on Seminary property or at a Seminary authorized event while under the influence thereof. See the Drug-Free Campus Policy.
9. Willful failure to comply with directions of Seminary officials, including faculty and staff action in the performance of their duties.
10. Disorderly, lewd, indecent, obscene or sexually immoral conduct, expression, or language on Seminary owned or controlled property or at Seminary sponsored or supervised functions. See the Harassment policy.
11. SCS wants to promote the highest ethical standards of moral and godly living for its students who are studying for leadership positions. The standard being relations between a married man and woman as found in Ephesians 5:21–33. Therefore, students who engage in any type of unbiblical sexual activity or practices which conflict with the institution's position on sexuality will be dismissed from the seminary. See *A Biblical Statement on Gender, Sexuality, and Marriage*.
12. Verbal abuse in any way that causes defamation or character assassination.
13. Possession or use of any item used to threaten bodily harm to any person on Seminary property or at a Seminary function.
14. Misrepresentation of oneself or an organization to be an agent of the Seminary.
15. Conduct that is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or ordinances while on Seminary premises or at Seminary sponsored activities.
16. Abuse of computer facilities or use of computers for anything other than authorized course related work.

17. Failure to return school properties such as projectors, screens, books, teaching materials and any such things that had been loaned for the purpose of teaching or other use after receiving three notices of such failure to return such items.
18. Students in the MACP and MAMFT programs are expected to comply with all of the ethical standards of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists and the California Board of Behavior Sciences. Students in the PSYD program are expected to comply with all of the ethical standards of the California Board of Psychology.
19. Intentionally initiating or causing to be initiated any false report, warning, or threat of fire, explosion, or other emergency on Seminary premises or at Seminary-sponsored activities.
20. Intentionally or recklessly misusing or damaging fire safety or other safety equipment.

### Jurisdiction

The SCS Code of Student Conduct applies to all students from the time they accept admission to SCS through the date of their graduation. This includes, but is not limited to:

- New students at Orientation;
- Persons not currently enrolled but who are still seeking a degree from SCS;
- Any person enrolled in a course offered by SCS; and
- Any graduated student if SCS determines that his or her degree or receipt of credit may have involved misconduct while he or she was working toward the degree (degree revocation may be invoked).

## Non-Academic Discipline

Attendance at SCS is a privilege, not a right. Consequently, enrollment at SCS does not guarantee continuance. SCS has established behavioral guidelines that are consistent with its overall purpose and philosophy as established by the Board of Trustees. Infractions of school policy, either on or off campus, may result in penalties and jeopardize your enrollment at SCS. All non-academic discipline is handled by the Director of Student Services (DSS) and will involve the appropriate Program Dean.

### Penalties

The DSS is responsible to adjudicate non-academic disciplinary cases within the Seminary. When a student is found guilty of an infraction, the DSS will impose a penalty deemed appropriate to the offense and in the best interests of both the student and the campus community. The DSS's decision is final in cases resulting in an oral or written reprimand. Students may appeal other penalties.

#### *Oral Reprimand*

An oral reprimand is the least severe penalty that may be imposed for behavioral infractions. A record of an oral reprimand is placed in the student's file and removed upon graduation or transfer if no further disciplinary action is taken.

#### *Written Reprimand*

A letter of reprimand is a final warning that any further behavioral problems will result in more severe penalty. A letter of reprimand will state the nature of the problem, the warning given, and a description of the next disciplinary step. A letter of reprimand becomes a permanent part of the student's record.

### *Official Letter of Reprimand*

In some cases, the DSS may issue an official letter of reprimand. This disciplinary letter is an official warning that any further behavior problems may result in dismissal. The letter states the nature of the problem, previous disciplinary action, and a description of the next disciplinary step. A copy is kept in the student's file.

### *Scholarship Forfeiture*

Institutional scholarships may be canceled or reduced.

### *Suspension*

The DSS may suspend a student from access to the campus for a specified period; from attending classes for one to three days; or from attending the next trimester.

### *Dismissal*

Dismissal is the most severe discipline SCS will administer to a student. All dismissal decisions are reviewed by the Administrative Council. Dismissal will include one or more of the following penalties.

- Total loss of academic credit for all courses taken during the trimester current at the time the cause for dismissal occurred, regardless of when the offense occurred during the trimester.
- Prohibition from campus for a minimum full trimester to an indefinite amount of time, unless specific permission is granted by the Administration.
- The imposition of prerequisites that must be met before readmission will be considered.
- Loss of any institutional scholarship.
- Possible loss of other financial aid.
- If necessary, enforced departure from the campus within 24 hours.

Regardless of the time in the trimester, a dismissal is a total loss of academic credit for that trimester. Dismissed students will receive prorated refund of tuition. Students who are dismissed from the Seminary must leave within 24 hours and may not return to the campus until authorized to do so by the Administration. The Administration will work with the student to ensure that they fully understand the implications of dismissal.

- Students who have been dismissed for bad conduct may reapply after six months through normal admissions procedures, providing they have met prerequisites that may have been imposed at the time of dismissal.
- The Administration has the right and responsibility to exercise the means of discipline deemed appropriate according to individual cases.

SCS will refund tuition to dismissed students according to the tuition refund policy current at the time of dismissal.

Cases of dismissal are automatically reviewed by the SCS Administrative Council. This task is not a part of the appeal process, but an internal process designed to ensure consistency in the application of policy and to determine if there are new lessons to learn from the cases.

### *Readmission*

SCS is not obligated to readmit a dismissed student. A dismissed student may apply for readmission by following normal admission procedures after two complete trimesters have elapsed from the effective date of dismissal. Dismissed students must have complied with any prerequisites imposed at the time of dismissal to be considered for readmission.

### Appeals of Non-Academic Discipline

Students may appeal disciplinary action other than an oral or written reprimand. Appeals must be received by the DSS within two business days of the imposition of the penalty at issue. The DSS will convene the Discipline Appeals Committee (DAC) within one workday to hear the appeal. The following guidelines apply.

1. The DAC will be composed of three faculty members, excluding the applicable Dean, and two currently enrolled students.
2. The DAC will provide the student written notice of the time and place of the hearing.
3. The Dean will present the charges and the rationale behind the penalty.
4. The student will present his or her case and answer any questions asked by the DAC.
5. The DAC will deliberate in executive session to determine if the imposed discipline is fair and consistent with stated policies.
6. The DAC will recommend a course of action to the President whose decision will be final.

## Student Grievance

A *grievance* is a just or supposed basis for complaint arising out of any alleged unauthorized or unjustified act or decision made by a member of the SCS community that in any way adversely affects the status, rights, or privileges of a student. An aggrieved student may complain to the administration to correct the problem. The burden of proof is on the individual who submits a complaint. The grievance process is *not* the correct means for appealing disciplinary actions.

### Informal Complaint Procedure

Seek resolution first through direct, informal communication with the responsible person (Matthew 18:15). Discussion between those involved is encouraged at all stages, but is essential in the early stages of resolution. If the complaint cannot be resolved informally, formal action may be taken.

### Formal Complaint Procedure

The following procedure is used to resolve a formal complaint.

State the grievance in writing (write a complaint) within 60 days of the alleged event and submit the complaint to the Director of Student Services. No special form is needed, but the complaint must include:

- The date you submit the complaint;
- A description of the grievance that includes all relevant information such as date(s) when the problem was evident, evidence substantiating the grievance, and witnesses; and
- A proposed resolution, that is, what you want to happen to resolve the grievance.

1. The Director of Student Services has two working days from the date of receipt to forward the grievance to the administrator who will serve as mediator to resolve the matter. Care will be taken to ensure that the mediator has the expertise necessary to resolve the grievance.
2. The mediator has two working days from the date of receipt to:
  - Send to the student an acknowledgement that briefly summarizes the grievance and informs the student that a resolution will be sent within ten working days, and
  - Forward to the Director of Student Services a copy of the grievance and acknowledgement.
3. The mediator has ten working days from the date of receipt to:
  - Investigate the alleged basis for the complaint;
  - Investigate previous efforts taken to resolve the grievance;
  - Investigate any contingencies and take such action that may help resolve the grievance;
  - Send to the aggrieved student a *formal response* (a statement describing what was or will be done to resolve the grievance); and
  - Forward to the Director of Student Services a copy of the formal response.
4. If the student is satisfied with the formal response, the grievance is resolved.
5. If the student is not satisfied with the formal response, a request for a hearing may be made to the Grievance Committee, which:
  - Shall be given a copy of the case to date;
  - Shall schedule a hearing date and time within seven working days of the request and notify all concerned (but not necessarily invite them to attend);
  - May invite the student and any witnesses to attend the hearing—the student does not have a right to attend;
  - Shall conduct the hearing as informally as possible, while reviewing and evaluating the case;
  - Shall keep its deliberations confidential; and
  - Shall, by majority vote, recommend to the President a course of action to finally resolve the grievance.
6. The Director of Student Services will issue a decision, which shall be final, in writing to the student within three working days of the hearing.
7. The Registrar will maintain the official record of the complaint upon its resolution.

Any student who thinks his or her complaint was not handled appropriately may contact SCS' accrediting agency, TRACS, in writing via email at [info@tracs.org](mailto:info@tracs.org) or by mail at Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, P.O. Box 328, Forest, Virginia 24551.

## Disability Support Services

Southern California Seminary offers support services to disabled students through the Disability Support Services (DSS).

### Campus Accessibility

Southern California Seminary is committed to the goal of accessibility in all of its programs and activities. Therefore, it is the policy of Southern California Seminary to make all of its programs and activities accessible to persons with disabilities by providing reasonable accommodations

unless doing so would fundamentally alter the nature of the program or activity, or impose an undue financial burden on the Seminary. Here are some examples of the application of this policy.

- ✓ SCS provides its administrative and educational services at accessible locations. For persons with mobility disabilities, we are happy to provide all of our administrative services and on-site classes in facilities that are fully ADA compliant. These facilities include administrative offices, classrooms, restrooms, study areas, and food services.
- ✓ SCS policies and procedures enable access to its programs and activities. SCS has provided a large visible sign with the blue disability placard on the Southern California Seminary entranceway signage to indicate the campus is accessible to persons with mobility disabilities. For example, although students are prohibited from parking in employee parking, students with disabilities who lawfully display a handicap license plate or placard may use employee parking if all disabled spaces are full. Ample additional handicap parking is available for classes and other services at the Generations building north parking lot.
- ✓ SCS permits adjustments to normal class routines to accommodate persons with a documented learning disability. For example, a student with a certain documented learning disability may be permitted more time to take an exam or to take it at a different location.
- ✓ SCS will provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication with persons with speech, hearing, or vision disabilities. For example, SCS will provide individuals with hearing disabilities with assistive listening devices, interpreter services, and/or real-time captioning as is necessary for the individual's needs.
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Southern California Seminary will work closely with persons with disabilities to accommodate their needs. No charge will be assessed to provide reasonable accommodations.

### How to Request Accommodation

If you have a disability and need accommodation to access any aspect of our campus environment, please contact either of the following school officials.

Lisa Pacheco  
Director of Student Services  
Deputy Compliance Officer  
(619) 201-8993  
Lisa.Pacheco@socalsem.edu

Brian Barga  
Registrar  
Deputy Compliance Officer  
(619) 201-8951  
Brian.Barga@socalsem.edu

You can expedite the handling of your concern by contacting the deputy compliance officer most closely aligned with your need, but either officer will be happy to assist you. The Registrar coordinates all academic-related disability issues, such as those related to course registration, learning disabilities, and classroom assignment. The Director of Student Services coordinates all student services-related issues, such as those related to financial aid, advisement, and campus life. Deputy compliance officers have authority to promptly relocate SCS programs or services to accommodate persons with disabilities.

### Timeliness

Anyone who requires accommodation to participate in a program or activity should communicate with a deputy compliance officer as soon as possible, but no later than the published registration deadline and no less than three days before other scheduled events.

## Philosophy

We take the attitude that God has providentially crafted each human being and that what is generally considered to be a disability is a temporal condition permitted for His glory. We also take the attitude that the biblical requirement to “love one another” applies equally to all Christians. Not only so, but SCS strives to conduct all of its operations lawfully. Therefore, in accordance with Scripture, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and California state law, SCS provides to disabled students every accommodation reasonably possible.

## Disclosure

Students seeking reasonable accommodations must disclose their disability by registering with DSS, which provides all of the needed forms. Disclosure directly to faculty and staff is not required, but faculty and staff will be notified of any accommodation or modification that requires action to be taken by them. Students must submit completed forms to DSS and also provide current documentation of the disability. Documentation may include results of medical or psychological diagnostic tests or other professional evaluations that verify the existence of a disability and need for accommodations, as well as official government designation of a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to cover all costs associated with obtaining the necessary documentation.

## When to Disclose

The timing of disclosure depends upon when the student will need accommodations. Generally, there are five instances where it may be important to consider disclosure.

1. When applying to SCS—student would disclose at this time if he or she needs accommodations during the application process.
2. Before course enrollment—if student anticipates that he or she will need accommodations to complete classes, it would be important to disclose not later than eight weeks before the trimester begins. Remember, it is best to disclose a disability before student has trouble in a course due to lack of accommodations.
3. During the course of study—student would disclose at this point if he or she discovers that accommodations are needed while taking classes.
4. After being diagnosed—student may want to disclose if a disability is acquired during the course of study and needs accommodations to successfully complete the program.
5. Never—student may choose not to disclose his or her disability if no accommodations are needed, or if he or she has decided to accommodate the need personally.

## Disability Registration Process

Starting the registration process is the first move towards receiving disability services of any kind from DSS. Following these steps will help to ensure that registration is completed in a timely manner.

1. Complete form Application for Disability Services.
2. Complete form Consent to Release Student Information.
3. Submit all documentation. DSS, in consultation with other parties as needed, will review the documentation and notify the applicant of eligibility status (usually via email).
4. Schedule an appointment with student’s DSS service provider (Compliance Officer) to discuss services and accommodations. This meeting is required for accommodations or services to begin.
5. Meet with the DSS service provider to:

- discuss functional limitations and restrictions;
- discuss the academic services and accommodations for which student is eligible;
- complete and sign an accommodations agreement; and
- review DSS procedures for receiving accommodations or services.

### Disability Services Implementation

Before each trimester the DSS (Registrar's) Office notifies professors of the presence of disabled students enrolled in their courses. Disabled students are encouraged to introduce themselves to the professor before or at the start of the course. Professors and students will abide by the accommodations agreement throughout the course or courses.

### Fraudulent Application for Disability Services

The DSS is responsible to protect SCS from fraudulent applications for disability services. Any applicant who provides false oral or written information, or forges, deliberately misrepresents, alters or modifies documentation used to determine eligibility for disability services violates the SCS Student Code of Conduct and will be reported in accordance with established procedure. Violators may suffer penalty up to and including expulsion from SCS, and be subject to civil or criminal proceedings as government authorities determine.

## Student Housing

There are two dormitories located on campus: the North (Men's) Dormitory (Building C) and the South (Women's) Dormitory (Building D). In the North (Men's) Dormitory, while there are communal bathrooms with toilets, showers, and lavatories, the building is air-conditioned (opening in late Fall 2017). Each residence in the South (Women's) Dormitory has its own toilet, shower, and lavatory, and a second storage closet, but the building is not air conditioned. Rooms are rented out on a first-come, first-served basis, the availability of which is limited and in the \$500–\$1000 per month range. There is a \$500 deposit and \$100 refundable cleaning fee that will be returned after approved by the Director of Student Services at your departure. SCS does not formally assist students in finding off-campus housing. For more information, contact Student Services.

### General Dormitory Rules

SCS is happy to work with you to make dormitory life as pleasant as possible. The nature of dormitory life imposes some restrictions, however. In addition to the restrictions stated in the rental agreement, students are obligated to obey the following rules.

1. Campus gates are locked each night at midnight. During holidays and spring break, the campus gates will be closed at 11:00 p.m. to enhance security.
2. Guests, no matter what their sex or relationship to the resident, are permitted in dormitory rooms only with the door wide open.
3. Any device or object with an open flame is prohibited, such as, but not limited to, burning incense or candles.
4. Tape, tacks, wallpaper, contact paper, or nails are not to be used on the walls or furniture. A special putty adhesive is available commercially for hanging things on the walls or doors.
5. Individual room improvements must be requested and cleared through Student Services before any work is attempted. Room improvements in lieu of rent payment are prohibited.

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6. Damage to furnishings, equipment, facilities, or to the building, itself should be reported to Student Services.
7. Removal of batteries or dismantling of smoke detectors is prohibited and is in direct violation of Fire Code 1001.5.1. Tampering with smoke detectors is a major safety violation that may result in disciplinary action.
8. Moving to an unoccupied room without getting permission is prohibited. Contact Student Services if you desire to move to another room. The Seminary is not obligated to honor requests for a new room assignment.
9. All water-filled furniture (for example, waterbeds) are prohibited in dorm rooms.
10. Maintenance staff may occasionally need to make necessary repairs in a student's residence. In such instances, a staff member will accompany maintenance staff or outside vendors into the dorm or room when appropriate.
11. No pets of any kind are allowed in the dormitories.
12. Violation of these rules may result in fines, eviction, or criminal charges.

### Check-In

Contact Student Services to check in to the dormitory.

### Resident Parking

Residents are subject to the same parking rules as non-residents.

### Check-Out Procedures

Contact Student Services to check out of a dormitory room. Students are required to vacate their rooms according to check-out procedures which are available from Student Services. They include cleaning the room, returning key(s) and paying for any damages. There is a fee to replace a lost key. A charge will be added to your bill if the room is not cleaned and a charge when proper checkout procedures are not followed. It is your responsibility to properly check out of your room no matter why you leave.

### Furnishings

Each dormitory room is furnished with a bed, desk, chair, dresser, window blinds, built-in closet, and overhead lighting. Students are expected to have the same inventory of furnishings in their rooms when they leave as when they arrive. Furnishings are not to be moved to or from other rooms without permission from Student Services. SCS does not provide linens, blankets, pillows, towels, wastebaskets, telephones, or computers.

All dormitory rooms are equipped with high-speed internet access. Residents may contract directly from Cox Communications to obtain cable and landline telephone service, but the costs of all such services are the responsibility of the resident. SCS is not involved in hooking up or canceling service in any room. Residents will need to furnish their own telephones.

### Guests

Non-residents, whether they are SCS students or not, are not allowed in the dormitories between midnight and 7:00 a.m. Residents are prohibited from having overnight guests of either sex or of any relation. Overnight is defined as between the hours of midnight and 7:00 a.m. Guests may eat at the SDCC cafeteria. Residents are responsible to ensure that guests abide by all Seminary policies and regulations during their visits.

### Noise Regulations

Dormitory living is especially restrictive with regard to noise. Residents are expected to use headsets if they like to listen to loud music, radio, or television. The playing of musical instruments is prohibited at all times. Quiet hours are from 10pm—6am.

### Lock Out

Unintentionally locking oneself out of the dorm room, while seemingly a minor matter, imposes an extraordinary burden on the Seminary. For resident safety, the master key to the dormitory is not readily available to any but a select few Seminary personnel who may not be available when a student is locked out. Consequently, students are cautioned to be very careful not to lock themselves out of their rooms. A lockout fee will be charged according to the current schedule of fees each time any Seminary staff is called upon to open a room due to locking oneself out.

### Electrical Appliances

Electrical power capacity is limited in the dormitories, so the number of electrical devices permitted is restricted. This is both a practical and a fire safety restriction.

Burners, hot plates, and any cooking device with an open flame are not permitted in residence rooms. Cooking, other than what can be cooked by microwave, is not permitted in the residence rooms. Coffee makers and hot pots (but not hot plates) are allowed inside residence rooms.

Fire code regulations prohibit the use of extension cords in any resident room. However, power strips may be used instead of extension cords. Due to the intense heat they generate, halogen lights are not permitted in any room.

### Storage

Other than closets associated with the rooms, storage facilities are not available on campus and students are encouraged to bring only those things that are absolutely necessary.

### Laundry Facilities

Laundry facilities are provided in the North (Men's) Dormitory (Building C), and can be reached from interior and exterior doors. Ironing boards are available in each resident hall. You must provide your own iron. Report any problems with the laundry facilities to Student Services.

### Weapons

The possession or storage of any weapon on the premises is prohibited. The term weapon includes but is not limited to: gun, rifle, pistol, bow, dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine, bowie knife, dirk, dagger, sword, num-chucks, sling shot, leaded cane, switchblade knife, black jack, metallic knuckles, stun gun, and knife with a blade five or more inches in length. It also includes chemicals such as "mace," "pepper spray" or tear-gas (if used in an illegal manner).

### Seminary's Access for Inspection and Emergency

Agents of SCS may enter dormitory rooms in the event of an emergency (including inspection for damage following earthquake, fire, or severe weather) or to make repairs or improvements, supply agreed services, ensure the room is empty during fire drills, and conduct an initial move-out inspection requested by Resident. Except in cases of emergency, Resident's abandonment of the premises, or court order, SCS will give Resident reasonable notice of intent to enter and will enter only during regular business hours of Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and

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Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The notice will include the purpose, date, and approximate time of entry.

### Extended Absences by Resident

Residents must notify SCS Student Services in the event that he or she will be away from the premises for 3 consecutive days or more. During such absence, SCS may enter the premises at times reasonably necessary to maintain the property and inspect for damage and needed repairs.

### Smoking

SCS is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is prohibited on all SCS premises.

### Theft Prevention

Theft of student or Seminary property is grounds for immediate dismissal and potential criminal prosecution. Students should take reasonable precautions against the possibility of theft of personal belongings. The following guidelines may help.

- Keep your room locked.
- Keep money on your person or in the bank.
- Engrave your initials on all items of value. Keep a record of all serial numbers of valuables.
- Mark clothing so it can be easily identified.

If you become a victim of theft, contact Student Services as soon as possible. You should be prepared to give a detailed description of the item stolen and any other information that could prove helpful.

SCS is not responsible for stolen money or items but will do what it reasonably can to recover missing items. SCS does not offer personal or supplemental insurance for such items. It is highly recommended that you consider obtaining renter's insurance.

## Health and Safety

Southern California Seminary is committed to providing a safe environment in which to live, work, and learn. The Seminary is pleased to obey laws that seek the same objective, chiefly among them the *Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990*, now known as the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act* (or *Clery Act*); the *Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act* of 1986 as amended; and the *Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000*.



Generally, the *Clery Act* requires schools to provide students and families, as higher education consumers, with the information they need to make informed decisions relative to campus safety. The *SDFSCA* is designed to prevent school violence and illegal drug use and to help schools and communities create safe, disciplined, and drug-free environments that support student academic achievement.

## *Personal Safety*

Campus safety starts with personal safety. When you take responsibility for your personal safety, the entire campus community becomes safer. Here is important information for your personal safety. Faculty, staff, and students work together to make the campus a safe place to study and live. Your part is important.

### Report a Crime or Perceived Danger

All members of the campus community are strongly encouraged to immediately report criminal activity or suspicious persons. Contact:

El Cajon Police Department	9-1-1- (emergencies only)
Campus Security	(619) 672-0661 (emergency and non-emergency)

If using the Seminary phone system, dial 9, then 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Prompt reporting will assure timely Crime Alert Bulletins on-campus and timely disclosure of crime statistics. Report any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles, inside buildings or around dormitories. You may also report a crime to the following Designated Campus Authorities.

Provost/Chief Academic Officer	201-8965
Director of Student Services	201-8993
Registrar	201-8951
Dean of Bible and Theology	201-8978
Dean of Behavioral Sciences	201-8985
Student Accounts Manager	201-8957

### Voluntary Confidential Reporting

If you are the victim of a crime and do not wish to pursue action through Southern California Seminary or the criminal justice system, you may file a confidential report with a Designated Campus Official. With your permission, the DSO will report the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of filing a confidential report is to keep the matter confidential while taking steps to ensure the future safety of the campus community. The information helps the Seminary maintain accurate records of the number of incidents involving students on campus, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community of potential danger. Statistics derived from confidential reports are included in the Crime Report.

### Campus Security

Campus Security personnel and Seminary employees have authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at Southern California Seminary. Security personnel have authority to issue parking tickets and initiate vehicle towing, the costs of which are billed to financial accounts of students, faculty, and staff. Security personnel and Seminary employees do not possess arrest power. Criminal incidents are referred to local law enforcement agencies.

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Campus Security is headed full-time by a former San Diego police officer who maintains a professional working relationship with El Cajon Police and Fire Departments, San Diego County Sheriff, and California Highway Patrol.

### Security and Access

The campus is patrolled continually by Campus Security. During business hours, the Seminary is open to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. During non-business hours access to Seminary buildings is by key, if issued, or by admittance via Campus Security. Emergencies may require changes to normal access schedules.

Access to dormitories is available during normal business and classroom hours, but restricted otherwise. Individual dormitory rooms are secured by the occupant. Some facilities, such as the Library, may have hours that vary at different times of the year according to schedules set by the responsible department.

The Seminary continually surveys the campus for potential safety and security issues such as landscaping, locks, alarms, lighting, and communications. Pressing issues are dealt with immediately, while routine issues are raised at the monthly Safety Committee Meeting. Please contact the Student Services office if you know of a facility safety issue, (619) 201-8965.

### Crime Alert Bulletin (Timely Warning)

When a situation arises, either on or off campus, that in the judgment of the Campus Security Officer constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat to the campus community, the CSO issues a Crime Alert Bulletin.

#### *Crime Alert Bulletin Content*

The following items are included in the Crime Alert Bulletin, subject to availability and reasonable accuracy of information.

1. Description of the incident (type of crime, time and date, location, etc.)
2. Physical description and name of the offender
3. Drawing or photograph of the offender
4. Any connection to previously reported incidents
5. Description of victim and injuries (if relevant)
6. Date and time the bulletin was issued
7. Contact information
8. Any other information that would promote campus safety as it relates to the incident

#### *Crime Alert Bulletin Distribution*

The Campus Security Officer has discretion to distribute crime alert bulletins by means appropriate to the circumstances prompting the bulletin. Typically, at a minimum the bulletin will be issued to students, faculty, and staff via email. Other means of distribution include electronic signage, the SCS website, mailbox flyers, and postings at prominent locations on campus including the entrances to classrooms and dormitories.

### Alcoholic Beverages

The possession, sale, manufacture, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages by anyone, either on campus or at any Seminary-sponsored activity, is prohibited. Violators are subject to Seminary

disciplinary action up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution and, to the extent applicable, criminal prosecution, fine and imprisonment.

### Illegal Drugs

The possession, sale, manufacture, distribution, or use of illegal drugs by anyone either on campus or at any Seminary-sponsored activity is prohibited. Violators are subject to Seminary disciplinary action up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution and, to the extent applicable, criminal prosecution, fine and imprisonment. A violation of any law regarding alcohol and substance abuse is also a violation of the Seminary's policy and will be treated as a separate disciplinary matter by the Seminary.

### San Diego Area Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Programs and Addiction Treatment Centers

SCS provides resources on campus for students who desire to seek help with drug or alcohol abuse. Additionally, the following resources are available throughout the greater San Diego metropolitan region. Please contact the office of Student Services for more information.

- Addiction Information and Treatment
- Alcohol Abuse Information
- Alternative Medicine
- Clinics and Medical Centers
- Counseling and Crisis Intervention
- Drug Abuse Information
- Drug and Alcohol Detection and Testing
- Drug or Alcohol Treatment Programs
- Homecare Providers
- Hospitals
- Mental Health Clinics
- Mental Health Practitioners
- Psychologists
- Rehabilitation Centers and Services

### Drug Law Violations and Consequences

A federal or state drug conviction for possession, sale, or conspiring to sell illegal drugs can affect a student's eligibility to receive federal student financial aid, including loans, grants, and work study. If the offense occurs while the student is receiving federal student financial aid, the student will lose aid eligibility for a certain period of time. Additional information is available from the Financial Aid Office, (619) 201-8952, or Student Services, (619) 201-8993.

### Biennial Review

As a condition of receiving financial assistance under any federal program, an institution of higher education must certify that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

The Campus Security Officer shall complete a biennial review of the Seminary's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Education Program by the end of September during the review year in order to:

- Determine its effectiveness,

- Determine the need for any changes to the program, and
- Ensure that the policies are consistently enforced.

### Description of Health Risks Associated with Alcohol and Drugs

Serious health and personal risks are associated with the use of illegal drugs and abuse of alcohol. They may include temporary or permanent physical or mental impairment, and injury or death. Use and abuse of such substances may also give rise to conduct which causes injury, death or damage to the user/abuser or to the person or property of others, resulting in criminal or civil prosecution and liability. Use and abuse of such substances may also lead to unsafe and/or nonconsensual sex, unwanted pregnancy, and may cause defects, injury or death in unborn children. Consequences may also include temporary or permanent loss of educational or employment opportunities.

### Alcohol and its Effects on the Body

- Impairment of brain function, judgment, alertness, coordination, and reflexes.
- Attitude and/or behavioral changes, such as uncharacteristic hostility, or increased risk taking, such as driving recklessly.
- Alcohol taken with other drugs can intensify the effects of the drug, alter the desired effect of the drug, cause nausea, sweating, severe headaches and convulsions.
- Addiction or chemical dependency.
- Memory blackouts.
- Uncharacteristic family, school, work and/or legal problems.
- Health problems such as cirrhosis of the liver.
- Birth defects and mental retardation in users' children.

### Drugs and Their Effects on the Body

#### *Narcotics (Heroin):*

- Initial euphoria followed by drowsiness and nausea.
- Constricted pupils, watery eyes, dazed look.
- Overdose may produce slow, shallow breathing, clammy skin, loss of appetite and weight, and possible death.

#### *Depressants (Barbiturates, Tranquilizers):*

- Relaxed muscles, calmness, and drowsiness.
- Confusion, disorientation, slurred speech.
- Overdose may produce shallow breathing, clammy skin, weak and rapid pulse, coma, and possible death.

#### *Stimulants (Cocaine, Methamphetamine):*

- Increased heart and respiratory rate, elevated blood pressure, decreased appetite.
- Blurred vision, dizziness, insomnia, anxiety.
- High doses can cause physical collapse, irregular heartbeat, stroke, and possible death.

#### *Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP, Mushrooms):*

- Illusions and Hallucinations.
- Confusion, panic, anxiety, depression, and poor perception of time and distance.
- Respiratory failure, death due to careless behavior.

#### *Cannabis (Marijuana, Hashish):*

- Increase in heart rate, bloodshot eyes, dry mouth and throat, and increased appetite.
- Interferes with memory, speech, coordination, and perception of time.

- Increased risk of lung cancer, weakened immune system, and affects reproductive system.

As a student at SCS, you are responsible for your behavior and are fully accountable for your actions. Violation of this policy statement will not go unchallenged within the SCS community. Any SCS student may be expelled, suspended, or placed on probation for violating the college regulations regarding alcohol or drugs. Additionally, using alcohol or drugs negatively affects your academic performance.

Students who possess, use, or distribute substances such as, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, or other hallucinogens and narcotics, or who violate statutes regarding alcoholic beverages, are subject to arrest, imprisonment, or a fine according to State law.

Southern California Seminary's commitment to exercising disciplinary powers in cases of illegal alcohol and drug use complements its full measure of support for students who seek help for themselves or their acquaintances. These two approaches, combined with an active prevention education program, provide a strong basis for maintaining the college's expectations for a safe, healthy, and productive campus community. We hope that you will take advantage of the programs and services available to you, and that you will join with us in creating a viable learning community.

### Harassment

SCS is committed to providing a campus environment that honors the Lord Jesus Christ. Such environment is not merely free of unlawful harassment, but never approaches the borderline between legal and illegal. Christ-honoring behavior not simply avoids creating a hostile campus, it promotes a peaceful one. Harassment is particularly unbecoming of Christians, is indicative of failure to conduct one's behavior by means of the ministry of the Spirit of God, and is prohibited at SCS. However, it is necessary for SCS to warn you of the consequences related to harassment.

#### *Harassment Defined*

Generally, harassment is any behavior that is directed toward a particular person (or persons), is unwelcome and severe or pervasive, and violates criminal law, or civil rights law, or SCS policy on harassment, or that unreasonably interferes with the target person's employment, academic pursuits, or participation in SCS-sponsored activities.

#### *Harassment Prohibited*

SCS policy prohibits sexual harassment and harassment based on pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, race, religious creed, color, gender, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by federal, state, or local law or ordinance or regulation. In short, all such harassment is unlawful and dishonors our Lord.

The SCS anti-harassment policy applies to, and prohibits unlawful harassment by, all students. It also prohibits harassment based on the perception that anyone has any of those characteristics, or is associated with a person who has or is perceived as having any of those characteristics. Prohibited unlawful harassment includes, but is not limited to, the following behaviors:

- Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory jokes or comments, slurs or unwanted sexual advances, invitations, or comments;

- Visual displays such as derogatory and sexually-oriented posters, photography, cartoons, drawings, or gestures;
- Physical conduct including assault, unwanted touching, intentionally blocking normal movement or interfering with work because of sex, race, or any other protected basis; and
- Retaliation for reporting or threatening to report harassment.

If you believe that you have been unlawfully harassed, notify the Director of Student Services or any other Seminary employee, including the President or the Provost/CAO as soon as possible after the incident. A written complaint is preferred but not required. You will be asked to provide details of the incident or incidents, names of individuals involved, and names of any witnesses. All harassment complaints will be referred to the Provost/CAO who will immediately undertake an effective, thorough, and objective investigation.

If SCS determines that unlawful harassment has occurred, effective remedial action will be taken in accordance with the circumstances involved. Any student determined by SCS to have committed unlawful harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to, and including expulsion. An SCS representative will advise all parties concerned of the results of the investigation. The Seminary will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint and will not tolerate or permit retaliation by employees or fellow students.

### *Hazing*

Hazing is any act that injures, degrades, harasses, or disgraces any person. Students found guilty of hazing are subject to non-academic discipline up to and including expulsion. A criminal conviction for hazing or aiding and abetting others in the commission of hazing will result in expulsion from SCS.

### Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Southern California Seminary is committed to providing a safe and secure campus environment that is free from sexual harassment or violence. We prohibit harassment of any kind, including Sexual Harassment, Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking. Such behavior violates our values, as well as Seminary policy and the law. The Seminary will respond promptly and effectively to all reports of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, and shall take appropriate action to prevent, correct, and when necessary, discipline behavior that violates this policy. Contact the office of Student Services and/or Dean of Behavioral Sciences for counseling and referral options.

The Seminary strongly urges the victim of a sex offense to:

1. Get to a safe place;
2. Call the Police by dialing 9-1-1;
3. If you are not sure what to do, call RAINN (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network at 1-800-656-HOPE). The advocate will provide you with options and you will not have to give your name;
4. If you are not sure about reporting the attack, but you might want to later, you are encouraged to immediately file a police report in order to obtain a medical evidentiary examination. You always maintain the right to change your mind and not to pursue a criminal complaint; and
5. Do not eat, drink, wash, shower, go to the bathroom, or otherwise clean up. Filing a police report will:

- Ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests, at no expense to the victim;
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later; and
- Assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention.

If you do not wish to file a police report, you are still encouraged to seek professional medical advice. It is important not to forget the possibility of sexually transmitted diseases and/or pregnancy. Note that all health care providers are legally required to report to the police all cases of suspected sexual or physical assault.

### Notice of Sex Offender Registration Information

The *Clery Act* requires participants in Title IV student financial aid programs, such as SCS, to advise the public where to access information concerning registered sex offenders. Additionally, the *Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000* mandates that institutions of higher education alert faculty, staff, and students where they can obtain information concerning registered sex offenders that may frequent the campus. Please visit <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/>.

Registry information provided shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees and volunteers, or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular.

### The Clery Act, CSCPA, and FERPA

The *Clery Act* does not require confidential reporting of crimes. Generally, personally identifiable information is precluded from disclosure. However, such information may be released by the Seminary in emergency situations. Further, the federal *Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000* amends the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974* to clarify that nothing in the *CSCPA* prohibits an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders.

### *Life-Threatening Illnesses*

Southern California Seminary holds that students with life-threatening illnesses (including, but not limited to cancer, HIV or AIDS, heart disease and multiple sclerosis, etc.) should continue to study for as long as their condition allows them to do so in a safe and satisfactory manner. We believe that a supportive and caring campus environment is an important factor in maintaining quality of life for a student with a life-threatening illness. We ask all our students to be sensitive to the needs of fellow students facing such an illness.

Upon request, SCS will provide reasonable accommodation to students with a life-threatening illness to enable them to continue to study. Through continuing education and communication we will attempt to create an honest, compassionate, and informed campus environment in which anyone with a life-threatening illness will feel free to come forward in the knowledge that he or she will be met with respect, understanding, and care.

A student with a life-threatening illness is under no obligation to disclose the condition to SCS. If a student chooses to discuss a life-threatening illness, any such conversation will be strictly confidential and will not be disclosed to others without the student's permission (except as required

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by law). Unauthorized disclosure by employees of confidential information relating to health status will lead to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

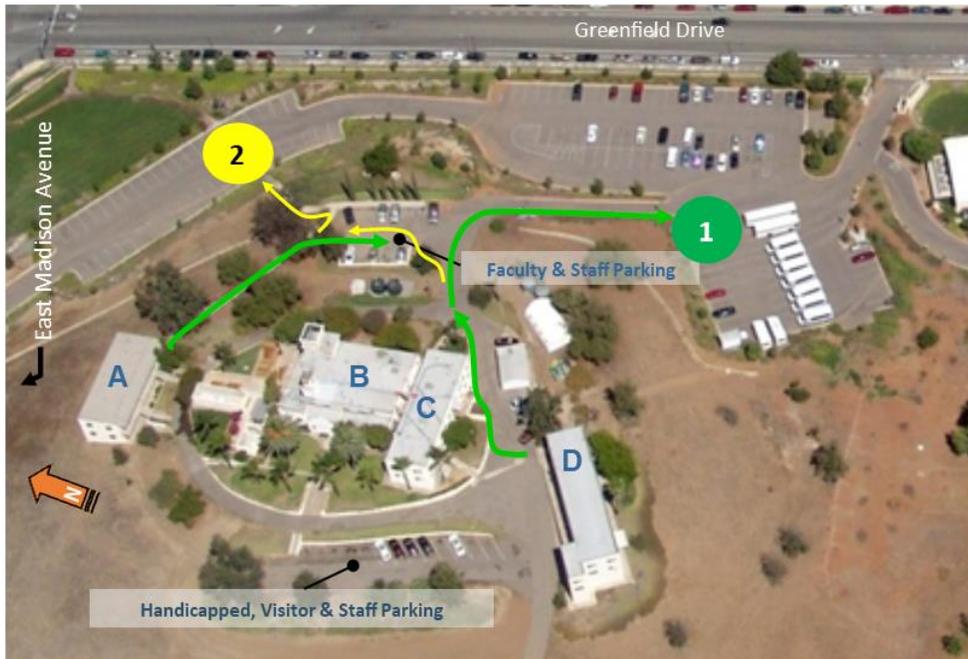
## *During an Emergency*

You are responsible to clearly follow the directions of faculty and staff in charge during an emergency, including the procedures for the orderly evacuation of buildings and assembly at the designated assembly points. You should not leave the assembly point until permission has been granted. Do not re-enter buildings, including dormitories, until official notification has been provided that it is safe to do so. If you have special skills that might be useful during an emergency response, identify yourself to a faculty or response team member immediately following the roll call at the assembly point.

### Emergency Evacuation and Routes

Maps showing evacuation routes have been posted in all Seminary buildings and classrooms. Faculty members will provide specific directions regarding evacuation routes and will meet with you at the assembly point.

### Southern California Seminary Campus Emergency Assembly Areas



**Building A**  
 Library  
 A-100  
 Meeting Room  
 A-201  
 Classroom  
 A-202  
 A-203  
 A-204

**Building B**  
 Academics  
 Bible & Theology  
 Behavioral Sciences  
 Administration  
 Student Services  
 Admissions  
 Registrar  
 Financial Aid

**Building C**  
 North (Men's) Dormitory  
 Student Services

**Building D**  
 South (Women's) Dormitory  
 Classrooms  
 D-101  
 D-102

- 1 Primary Assembly Point
- 2 Secondary Assembly Point

### *Be Prepared*

Know at least two exits from the building and be familiar with the evacuation route specified on the evacuation diagrams in your building or classroom.

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### *Students with Disabilities Needing Assistance*

Identify yourself to your instructor in each class at the beginning of the trimester and indicate the nature of the assistance you need so arrangements can be made to assist you with evacuation if an emergency occurs. Fellow students are asked to assist disabled students in their class or elsewhere during building evacuations.

### *Assembly Points*

The Primary Assembly Point is the lower parking lot at the foot of the west drive. The Primary Assembly Point is preferred because it is likely that any disabled students can better negotiate the drive than the steps leading to the secondary assembly point. The Secondary Assembly Point is the north parking lot.

### *Alternate Route*

Any emergency can produce unexpected conditions. If the primary evacuation route is not available, faculty will use their discretion to determine the best alternative route to achieve safety for all, with the Secondary Assembly Point being the first option to consider.

### *Student Health Services*

There are numerous hospitals and health clinics in the greater San Diego area, including the East County region where SCS is located. First aid is available on campus for minor conditions.

***If a life-threatening situation arises, when using the Seminary phone system, please dial 9 to get an outside line, then 9-1-1.***

### First Aid

First aid kits are located in: 1) the Academics Building (B) on the shelf beneath the staff mailboxes; 2) the Administration Building (E) in the kitchen; and 3) the Library (Building A) in the staff office.

### More Serious Needs

For more serious needs, these two facilities are among the nearest and most capable.

East County Urgent Care  
1.5 road miles from campus  
1625 East Main Street  
El Cajon, CA 92021  
(619) 376-1082  
Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.;  
Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

Grossmont Hospital  
8 road miles from campus  
5555 Grossmont Center Drive  
La Mesa, CA 91941  
(619) 740-6000

### Medical Insurance

Per the Affordable Care Act every person is required by law to carry medical insurance. SCS requires that all students, including international students, insurance carry medical insurance while enrolled at the Seminary. SCS does not offer any medical insurance programs so this must be purchased individually.

# Academic Programs

The academic programs of SCS are organized into two primary departments, headed by a dean, and covering all of the Seminary degree programs.

## Bible and Theology

Dr. James Fazio, ThM, DMin  
Dean of Bible and Theology

The Bible and Theology Department is responsible for two Schools within SCS.

**The College at SCS** offers the following degrees:

- AACM – Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry (60 units)
- BABS – Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies (120-129 units)

**The Graduate School of Bible and Theology** offers the following degrees:

- MACM – Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (36 units)
- MAIS – Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (36 units)
- MACC-Master of Arts in Christian Counseling (48 units)
- MAPA- Master of Arts of Philosophy and Apologetics (60 units)
- MABS – Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (60 units)
- M.Div – Master of Divinity (96 units)
- Th.M – Master of Theology (124 units)
- D.Min – Doctor of Ministry (36 units)

## Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Elizabeth Elenwo, PhD, PsyD (abd)  
Dean of Behavioral Sciences

The Behavioral Sciences Department is responsible for one School within SCS.

**The Graduate School of Behavioral Sciences** offers the following degrees:

- MAMFT – Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy (72 units)
- MACP – (Non- Licensure Track) Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (63 units)
- MACP – Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (72 units)
- PsyD – Doctor of Psychology (72-133 units)

## Schools of Bible and Theology

### *Welcome! From the Dean of Bible and Theology*

It was nearly two decades ago when I was first introduced to Southern California Seminary, and yet I recall vividly my own personal experience...

I had always wanted to be around other people who shared a genuine passion for God's Word—not just paid it lip-service. I would look around the church for others who cared as much about the Bible and authentic Christian ministry as I did, and yet I somehow ended-up feeling out of place. If I couldn't find those kind of Christians in church, then where could I go to find them?

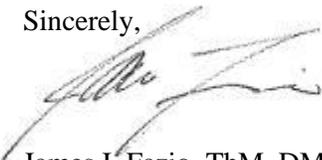
When I first discovered SCS, I was excited at the prospect of being able to maintain my own personal commitment to studying God's Word, while also progressing toward earning an accredited Bachelor of Arts degree. It seemed too good to be true!

It wasn't long before some initial doubts began to creep-in: "What if they don't really believe in the Bible, but instead just teach what critics have said about it?" "What if most of my time will be spent reading useless books that won't enrich my ministry or my understanding of Scripture, when I really just want to learn more about the Bible?" "What if this school is no longer here five years from now—or worse yet, what if it becomes so watered down, like some schools, that I wouldn't want my name associated with it?"

But then everything changed for me, once I began to take classes. I was so impressed not only by the faculty, but by the type of classmates I found myself sitting next to. They were pastors, counselors, missionaries and even future Bible translators. I remember thinking: "This is it! This is exactly the kind of environment I want to be in for the rest of my life!" I just wanted to remain a student for as long as I could, until there were no more courses left to take. It was my hope that afterward, just maybe, I could get the opportunity to step around to the other side of the desk as an instructor!

I therefore consider it a great privilege to present to you, today, the degree programs related to Christian Ministry, Biblical Studies, and Theology, at Southern California Seminary. I truly hope that you too will one day come to call this place home!

Sincerely,



James I. Fazio, ThM, DMin  
Dean of Bible and Theology

### *Degrees in Bible and Theology*

Degrees in the discipline of biblical studies/bible and theology are offered on the undergraduate and graduate levels, some of which may be completed either on-campus or online. The College at Southern California Seminary offers the AACM and BABS degrees while all of the other biblical studies degrees are offered by the Graduate School of Bible and Theology.

#### The College at SCS

Degree	Ground	Online	Units
Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry (AACM)	Yes	Yes	60
Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies (BABS)	Yes	Yes	120

#### Graduate School of Bible and Theology

Professional Degrees	Ground	Online	Units
Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM)	Yes	Yes	36
Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (MAIS)	Yes	Yes	36
Master of Arts of Christian Counseling (MACC)	Yes	Yes	48
Master of Divinity (MDiv)	Yes	Yes	96
Doctor of Ministry (DMin)	Yes*	Yes*	36
Academic Degrees			
Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (MABS)	Yes	Yes	60
Master of Arts in Philosophy and Apologetics (MAPA)	Yes	Yes	60
Master of Theology (ThM)	Yes	No	124

\*Residency-based: 2 weeks on campus per year

## The College at SCS

### *Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry*

#### Purpose

The curriculum leading to the Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry (AACM) degree is a 60-unit course of instruction designed to give students a basic biblical and theological foundation in preparation for a wide variety of Christian ministries. By taking a full-time load of 12 units each trimester, the program can be completed in two years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

#### Program Objectives

The purpose of the AACM program is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Communicate a foundational knowledge of the Bible, including key biblical themes such as: creation, fall, judgment, redemption, and eternal destiny;
2. Demonstrate a developing proficiency in language arts, humanities, and the sciences within a Christian worldview;
3. Manifest the Christian faith within a contemporary cultural setting, having developed a biblical worldview and apologetic for Christian values and conduct;
4. Pursue further development of their knowledge, talents, and unique spiritual gifting, with a view to their ongoing relatedness to both the church and society at-large.

#### Graduation Requirements

Candidates for the AACM degree must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete 60 units of undergraduate level courses including a minimum of 18 units of Biblical and interdisciplinary, and 30 units of general education.
2. Complete at least 15 units within the AACM program at SCS.
3. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.0 GPA.
4. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
5. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.
6. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

Curriculum Distribution

**Biblical Studies –6 units** Units

BH-103	Biblical Interpretation	3
NT-245	Analysis of Romans	3

**Theology – 6 units** Units

TH-204	Doctrine of the Bible	3
TH-220	Systems of Theology	3

**Interdisciplinary Studies – 6 units** Units

PM-100	Spiritual Disciplines	3
AP-201	Apologetics and Evangelism	3

**Communication Skills – 12 units** Units

RS-100	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
EN-101	English Composition 1	3
EN-102	English Composition 2	3
CM-101	Communication Skills	3

**Arts and Humanities – 6 units** Units

FA-101	Introduction to Fine Art	3
PH-101	Introduction to Philosophy	3

**Natural Science and Mathematics – 9 units** Units

MA-120	Mathematics for General Education	3
NS-110	Introduction to Natural Science	3
NS-203	Scientific Models of Origins	3

**Social and Behavioral Sciences – 9 units** Units

PY-101	General Psychology	3
HI-210	U.S. History	3
HI-220	U.S. Government, Church & State	3

**Open Electives – 6 units** Units

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		3

**AACM Total 60 units**

Program Sequence

**Year One**

RS-100 Critical Thinking and Writing  
PM-100 Spiritual Disciplines  
BH-103 Biblical Interpretation  
EN-101 English Composition 1  
CM-101 Communication Skills  
PH-101 Introduction to Philosophy  
FA-101 Introduction to Fine Art  
NS-110 Introduction to Natural Science  
MA-120 Mathematics for General Education

*Plus Three Electives:*

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**Year Two**

TH-204 Doctrine of the Bible  
TH-20 Systems of Theology  
AP-201 Apologetics and Evangelism  
NS-203 Scientific Models of Origins  
HI-210 U.S. History  
HI-220 U.S. Government: Church and State  
NT-245 Analysis of Romans

*Plus One Elective:*

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## *Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies*

### Purpose

The curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies (BABS) degree is a 120-unit course of instruction designed to develop Christian character, a sound knowledge of the English Bible, and the skills appropriate for ministry in a local church, mission field, or other Christian ministry. By taking a full-time load of 12 units each trimester, the program can be completed in four years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

### Program Objectives

The purpose of the BABS program is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Communicate a well-developed understanding of the entire Bible, as well as its major doctrinal themes, including: creation, fall, judgment, redemption, and eternal destiny;
2. Demonstrate a college-level proficiency in language arts, humanities, and the sciences within a Christian worldview;
3. Manifest the Christian faith within a contemporary cultural setting, having developed a biblical worldview and apologetic for Christian values and conduct;
4. Pursue further development of their knowledge, talents, and unique spiritual gifting, with a view to their ongoing relatedness to both the church and society at-large;
5. Defend a consistent theological framework based on a grammatical-historical hermeneutic, and apply it to contemporary issues.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the BABS degree must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete 120 units of undergraduate level courses including a minimum of 60 units of biblical, theological, and interdisciplinary studies, and 48 units of general education.
2. Complete at least 30 units at SCS.
3. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.0 GPA.
4. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
5. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.
6. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

### Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 30 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-103	Biblical Interpretation	3
BH-207	Inductive Bible Study	3
OT-203	OT Survey 1: Pentateuch	3
OT-205	OT Survey 2: Historical Books	3
OT-207	OT Survey 3: Poetical Books	3
OT-209	OT Survey 4: Prophetical Books	3
NT-218	NT Survey 1: Gospels and Acts	3
NT-219	NT Survey 2: Pauline Epistles and Hebrews	3
NT-220	NT Survey 3: General Epistles and Revelation	3

NT-245 Analysis of Romans 3

**Theology – 13 units** Units

TH-204 Doctrine of the Bible 3

TH-220 Systems of Theology 3

TH-300 Christian Theology 3

RS-451 Biblical Summary 1 (trimester) 2

RS-452 Biblical Summary 2 (trimester) 2

**Interdisciplinary Studies – 17 units** Units

PM-100 Spiritual Disciplines 3

PM-201 Biblical Discipleship 3

AP-201 Apologetics and Evangelism 3

PM-451 Ministry Internship 1 (trimester) 1

PM-452 Ministry Internship 2 (trimester) 1

***Plus Two of the Following Ministry Skills Electives:***

MI-101 Introduction to World Missions 3

MI-201 History of Christian Missions 3

PM-103 Spiritual Leadership 3

PM-301 Biblical Preaching 3

PM-307 Principles of Stewardship\* 3

PM-311 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry 3

CE-401 Principles of Teaching 3

\*required of students receiving aid

**Communication Skills – 12 units** Units

RS-100 Critical Thinking and Writing 3

EN-101 English Composition 1 3

EN-102 English Composition 2 3

CM-101 Communication Skills 3

**Arts and Humanities – 15 units** Units

FA-101 Introduction to Fine Art 3

PH-101 Introduction to Philosophy 3

***Plus Either Two Language Courses:***

BL-301 Elementary Greek 1 (trimester) 3

BL-302 Elementary Greek 2 (trimester) 3

***Or:***

BL-351 Elementary Hebrew 1 (trimester) 3

BL-352 Elementary Hebrew 2 (trimester) 3

***Plus One of the Following Electives:***

HI-104 Church History 1 3

HI-105 Church History 2 3

RE-403 World Religions 3

RE-405	Islamic Studies	3
RE-407	Survey of the Cults	3

<b>Natural Science and Mathematics – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
MA-120	Mathematics for General Education	3
NS-110	Introduction to Natural Science	3
NS-203	Scientific Models of Origins	3

<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
HI-210	U.S. History	3
HI-220	U.S. Government, Church & State	3

*Plus Two of the Following Electives:*

PY-101	General Psychology	3
PY-405	Abnormal Psychology	3
SS-203	Cultural Anthropology	3
SS-301	Marriage and Family	3
SS-306	Crucial Issues in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3
SS-321	Interpersonal Conflict Resolution	3
SS-330	Human Growth and Development	3
CO-331	Counseling Theories and Techniques	3
CO-332	Legal and Professional Issues in Counseling	3

<b>Open Electives – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
_____	_____	3
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**BABS Total 120 units**

## Program Sequence

### Year One

RS-100 Critical Thinking and Writing  
PM-100 Spiritual Disciplines  
BH-103 Biblical Interpretation  
EN-101 English Composition 1  
EN-102 English Composition 2  
CM-101 Communication Skills  
FA-101 Introduction to Fine Art  
NS-110 Introduction to Natural Science  
MA-120 Mathematics for General Education

*Plus Three Electives:*

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### Year Three

NT-218 NT Survey 1: Gospels and Acts  
NT-219 NT Survey 2: Pauline Epistles and Hebrews  
NT-220 NT Survey 3: General Epistles and Revelation  
NT-245 Analysis of Romans  
TH-300 Christian Theology

*Plus Seven Electives:*

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### Year Two

BH-207 Inductive Bible Study  
OT-203 OT Survey 1: Pentateuch  
OT-205 OT Survey 2: Historical Books  
OT-207 OT Survey 3: Poetical Books  
OT-209 OT Survey 4: Prophetical Books  
TH-204 Doctrine of the Bible  
TH-220 Systems of Theology  
AP-201 Apologetics and Evangelism  
PM-201 Biblical Discipleship  
NS-203 Scientific Models of Origins  
HI-210 U.S. History  
HI-220 U.S. Government: Church and State

### Year Four

RS-451 Biblical Summary 1  
RS-452 Biblical Summary 2  
PM-451 Ministry Internship 1  
PM-452 Ministry Internship 2

*Plus Two (Language) Electives:*

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Note: OT / NT Courses may be taken interchangeably in year 2 or 3

## *AA/AS to Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies*

### Purpose

This transfer policy is designed for students who have already completed an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) from an accredited institution. Students who have earned an Associates degree may request to have their transcript reviewed to see if they qualify for this transfer policy. The transferring Associates degree must have no fewer than 60 units of academic course work including 45 units of general education units and may not be a vocational or specialized degree. The transfer degree GPA must be a minimum of 2.0. The AA/AS to Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies includes 66-units of course-work that leads to the completion of the BABS program. By taking a full-time load of 12 units each trimester, the program can be completed in two years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

### Program Objectives

The AA/AS to BABS is an internal transfer policy and not a separate degree program. As such, the program objectives are those of the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, which purpose is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Communicate a well-developed understanding of the entire Bible, as well as its major doctrinal themes, including: creation, fall, judgment, redemption, and eternal destiny;
2. Demonstrate a college-level proficiency in language arts, humanities, and the sciences within a Christian worldview;
3. Manifest the Christian faith within a contemporary cultural setting, having developed a biblical worldview and apologetic for Christian values and conduct;
4. Pursue further development of their knowledge, talents, and unique spiritual gifting, with a view to their ongoing relatedness to both the church and society at-large;
5. Defend a consistent theological framework based on a grammatical-historical hermeneutic, and apply it to contemporary issues.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the AA/AS to BABS transfer policy must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete 66 units of undergraduate level courses as indicated below.
2. Complete at least 33 units at SCS.
3. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.0 GPA.
4. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
5. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.
6. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

### Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 30 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-103	Biblical Interpretation	3
BH-207	Inductive Bible Study	3
OT-203	OT Survey 1: Pentateuch	3

OT-205	OT Survey 2: Historical Books	3
OT-207	OT Survey 3: Poetical Books	3
OT-209	OT Survey 4: Prophetical Books	3
NT-218	NT Survey 1: Gospels and Acts	3
NT-219	NT Survey 2: Pauline Epistles and Hebrews	3
NT-220	NT Survey 3: Gen. Epistles and Revelation	3
NT-245	Analysis of Romans	3

**Theology – 13 units** Units

TH-204	Doctrine of the Bible	3
TH-220	Systems of Theology	3
TH-300	Christian Theology	3
RS-451	Biblical Summary 1 (trimester)	2
RS-452	Biblical Summary 2 (trimester)	2

**Interdisciplinary Studies – 23 units** Units

RS-100	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
PM-100	Spiritual Disciplines	3
PM-201	Biblical Discipleship	3
AP-201	Apologetics & Evangelism	3
NS-203	Scientific Models of Origins	3
PM-451	Ministry Internship 1 (trimester)	1
PM-452	Ministry Internship 2 (trimester)	1

***Plus Two Language Courses, Either:***

BL-301	Elementary Greek 1 (trimester)	3
BL-302	Elementary Greek 2 (trimester)	3

***Or:***

BL-351	Elementary Hebrew 1 (trimester)	3
BL-352	Elementary Hebrew 2 (trimester)	3

**AA/AS to BABS Total 66 units**

## Graduate School of Bible and Theology

### *Master of Arts in Christian Ministry*

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM) is the most flexible of all the Seminary's programs. Out of a total of 36 units, 12 units are electives dedicated to the student's area of interest. By taking a full-time load of 9 units each trimester, the program can be completed in two years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

#### Purpose

The MACM degree is primarily designed to prepare students for:

- Auxiliary Christian ministries or lay leadership positions that are enhanced by graduate-level biblical studies not requiring advanced exegetical or theological training;
- A graduate-level biblical understanding to apply toward Christian living in both ministry and non-Christian contexts, as well as for personal and spiritual enrichment;
- Future studies in the SCS Master of Divinity program.

#### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry program students will be able to:

1. Interpret the content of the Old and New Testaments utilizing a literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutic;
2. Demonstrate a graduate-level proficiency in writing on a range of topics related to Christian issues;
3. Express the essential theological doctrines which distinguish historic Christianity; and
4. Apply biblical knowledge and critical thinking skills to resolve present day problems.

#### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MACM degree must meet the general graduation requirements and complete 36 units (or 12 three-unit courses) of graduate-level courses and:

1. Complete 36 units of graduate level courses as indicated below.
2. Complete at least 30 units at SCS.
3. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.0 GPA.
4. Successfully pass the Comprehensive Exams.
5. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
6. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.
7. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

#### Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3

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BH-505	Methods of Inductive Study	3
NT-601	Analysis of Romans	3

**Interdisciplinary Skills - 12 units** Units

RS-501	Graduate Research & Writing	3
PH-507	Christian Ethics and Leadership	
TH-501	Systematic Theology	3
TH-508	Comparative Systems of Theology	3

**Christian Ministry – 6 units** Units

PM-505	Spiritual Growth and Discipleship	3
PM-771	Ministry Internship 1 (trimester)	3

**Electives – 9 units** Units

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_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3

**MACM Total 36 units**

## *Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies*

The Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (MAIS) offers students a 36-unit graduate-level program of study that includes a core curriculum of biblical studies and interdisciplinary skills along with a targeted intercultural field study that includes an ethnography project. This highly specialized program requires students to complete a minimum of eight months of the program from a cross-cultural field of study of the student's choosing. By taking a full-time load of 9 units each trimester, the program can be completed in two years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

### Purpose

The MAIS degree is primarily designed to prepare students for:

- Cross-cultural Christian ministry including international missions and/or other leadership roles that would find the student in a context not otherwise native to the student;
- Field work among a targeted foreign-language and/or people group.

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies program students will be able to:

1. Interpret the content of the Old and New Testaments utilizing a literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutic;
2. Demonstrate a graduate-level proficiency in research and writing on a targeted cross-cultural people group of the student's choosing;
3. Express essential Christian doctrines in a cross-cultural and missional context; and
4. Apply biblical knowledge for effective international missions work.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MAIS degree must meet the general graduation requirements and complete 36 units (or 12 three-unit courses) of graduate-level courses and:

1. Complete 36 units of graduate level courses as indicated below.
2. Complete at least 30 units at SCS.
3. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.0 GPA.
4. Successfully complete the Intercultural Field Study (1 & 2) and the Ethnography Project.
5. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
6. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.
7. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

### Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3
BH-505	Methods of Inductive Study	3
NT-601	Analysis of Romans	3

<b>Interdisciplinary Skills - 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
RS-501	Graduate Research & Writing	3
PH-507	Christian Ethics and Leadership	3
TH-501	Systematic Theology	3
TH-508	Comparative Systems of Theology	3

<b>Intercultural Studies - 15 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BC-515	Conflict Resolution	3
MI-503	Cultural Anthropology	3
MI-507	Theological Foundations of Missions	3
MI-611	Intercultural Field Study 1 (trimester)*	1
MI-612	Intercultural Field Study 2 (trimester)*	1
MI-651	Ethnography Project 1 (trimester)	2
MI-652	Ethnography Project 2 (trimester)	2

**MAIS Total 36 units**

\* Must be completed from a cross-cultural field of study of the student's choosing

## *Master of Arts in Christian Counseling*

The Master of Arts in Christian Counseling (MACC) provides graduate-level instruction related to counseling from a biblical framework. This program of study is most useful for persons seeking to focus their education on the interdisciplinary counseling and Christian studies. This program provides students with a biblical and theological foundation that is significant for counseling from a biblical worldview. By taking a full-time load of 9 units each trimester, the program can be completed in two years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

### Purpose

The MACC degree is primarily designed to prepare students for:

- Counseling within the church or in Parachurch settings where a well-developed understanding of the interplay between faith and counseling is desired;
- Interdisciplinary dialogue concerning such relevant issues as counseling techniques, history of psychology, human development, philosophy and counseling, and ethics in counseling;
- Advanced studies including: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology, Master of Arts in Marriage and Family, and Doctorate of Psychology.

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Master of Arts in Christian Counseling program students will be able to:

1. Interpret the content of the Old and New Testaments utilizing a literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutic;
2. Demonstrate a graduate-level proficiency in writing on a range of topics related to Christian issues;
3. Express the essential theological doctrines which distinguish historic Christianity;
4. Apply biblical knowledge and critical thinking skills to resolve present day problems; and
5. Demonstrate competencies in counseling from a biblical framework;

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MACC degree must meet the general graduation requirements and complete 48 units of graduate-level courses of which no more than 9 units can be transferred from another institution.

1. Complete 48 units of graduate-level courses;
2. Complete a minimum of 39 units at SCS. Students are urged to follow the recommended curriculum to prevent scheduling conflicts later on;
3. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.0 GPA
4. Successfully pass the Comprehensive Exams.
5. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
6. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.

7. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3
BH-508	Methods of Inductive Study	3
NT-601	Analysis of Romans	3

<b>Interdisciplinary Skills – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
RS-501	Graduate Research & Writing	3
TH-501	Systematic Theology	3
PM-505	Spiritual Growth and Discipleship	3
PH-507	Christian Ethics and Leadership	3

<b>Counseling – 21 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BC-501	Theological Foundations of Counseling	3
BC-504	Marriage and Family Counseling	3
BC-508	Crisis Counseling	3
BC-510	Fundamentals of Christian Counseling	3
BC-515	Conflict Resolution	3
BC-600	Faith Integration and Praxis	3
BC-651	Christian Counseling Practicum (trimester)	3

<b>Electives – 6 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3

**MACC Total 48 units**

## *Master of Arts in Biblical Studies*

The Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (MABS) program provides graduate-level curriculum that is designed for persons seeking a thorough biblical and theological understanding of the Old and New Testaments. By offering 6 units of electives as part of the curriculum, the MABS program allows students to focus on a particular area of interest. This program includes the preparation of a research thesis that should correspond to the students' area of interest related to biblical and theological studies. By taking a full-time load of 9 units each trimester, the program can be completed in three years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, how soon the student completes the capstone thesis requirement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

### Purpose

The MABS degree is primarily designed to prepare students for:

- Church or para-church ministries where a well-developed understanding of the Old and New Testaments is required;
- An advanced level of biblical and theological understanding to apply toward vocational Christian ministry;
- Future exegetical or theological studies which require a strong foundation in biblical studies;

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies Program students will be able to:

1. Interpret the content of the Old and New Testaments utilizing a literal grammatical-historical hermeneutic;
2. Demonstrate a graduate-level proficiency in theological research and writing;
3. Explain the foundational theological doctrines of the Christian faith;
4. Expound biblical truths in a variety of settings;
5. Integrate biblical knowledge for spiritual growth, discipleship in vocational ministry; and
6. Apply leadership skills in a variety of ministry contexts inside and outside of the local church.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MABS degree must meet the general graduation requirements and complete 60 units of graduate-level courses of which no more than 12 units can be transferred from another institution.

1. Complete 60 units of graduate-level courses;
2. Complete a minimum of 48 units at SCS. Students are urged to follow the recommended curriculum to prevent scheduling conflicts later on;
3. Defend a thesis in the student's chosen area of concentration that reflects a graduate-level of research and writing.
4. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.5 GPA
5. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
6. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.

7. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 27 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3
BH-505	Methods of Inductive Study	3
OT-511	Old Testament 1: Genesis – Judges	3
OT-512	Old Testament 2: Ruth – Song of Solomon	3
OT-513	Old Testament 3: Prophets	3
NT-506	Gospels and Acts	3
NT-507	Pauline Epistles and Hebrews	3
NT-512	General Epistles and Revelation	3
NT-601	Analysis of Romans	3

<b>Theology and Christian Philosophy – 15 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PH-501	Logic and Rhetoric	3
PH-507	Christian Ethics and Leadership	3
HI-505	Church History and Canonicity (trimester)	3
TH-501	Systematic Theology	3
TH-508	Comparative Systems of Theology	3

<b>Research and Thesis – 6 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
RS-501	Graduate Research & Writing	3
RS-791	Thesis Writing (two trimesters)	3

<b>Biblical Language Concentration NT Greek or OT Hebrew – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3
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**MABS Total 60 units**

### MABS Concentrations

Students must declare an area of concentration from the following categories: New Testament Greek or Old Testament Hebrew.

#### *Concentration in New Testament Greek*

This concentration is designed to enable students for the task of conducting biblical exegesis in the Greek New Testament which will be foundational for the study of theology and other disciplines and ministry practices.

BL-501	Elementary Greek 1 (trimester)
BL-502	Elementary Greek 2 (trimester)
BL-601	Intermediate Greek 1 (trimester)
BL-602	Intermediate Greek 2 (trimester)

#### *Concentration in Old Testament Hebrew*

This concentration is designed to enable students for the task of conducting biblical exegesis in the Hebrew Old Testament which will be foundational for the study of theology and other disciplines and ministry practices.

BL-551	Elementary Hebrew 1 (trimester)
BL-552	Elementary Hebrew 2 (trimester)
BL-651	Intermediate Hebrew 1 (trimester)
BL-652	Intermediate Hebrew 2 (trimester)

## *Master of Arts in Philosophy and Apologetics*

The Master of Arts in Philosophy and Apologetics (MAPA) program provides graduate-level biblical, theological and philosophical instruction, aimed at preparing the student for apologetic discourse. This program is intended for persons interested in the classical Christian tradition of understanding and expressing the Christian faith in a skeptical or otherwise unfavorable environment. The curriculum in this program includes biblical, philosophical, theological, and apologetic studies. This program includes the preparation of a research thesis related to Christian thought and/or apologetics. By taking a full-time load of 9 units each trimester, the program can be completed in three years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, how soon the student completes the capstone thesis requirement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

### Purpose

The MAPA degree is primarily designed to prepare students for:

- Christian ministry including educational and/or leadership positions where critical thinking skills and/or social-religious engagement may be required;
- Graduate-level discourse concerning the ideas that have shaped the church, the academy, and the marketplace;
- Advanced studies including: Master of Theology, or ~~doctoral studies~~[PhD in Philosophy](#).

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Master of Arts in Philosophy and Apologetics program students will be able to:

1. Interpret the content of the Old and New Testaments utilizing a literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutic;
2. Demonstrate a graduate-level proficiency in research and writing across multiple disciplines related to philosophy and apologetics;
3. Evaluate and critique philosophical and theological issues facing the church and society, today;
4. Articulate a rational and biblical apologetic for the Christian faith;
5. Synthesize biblical and philosophical knowledge for expounding truth and exposing errors in a variety of settings; and
6. Apply leadership skills in a variety of ministry contexts inside and outside of the local church.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MAPA degree must meet the general graduation requirements and complete 60 units of graduate-level courses of which no more than 12 units can be transferred from another institution.

1. Complete 60 units of graduate-level courses;
2. Complete a minimum of 48 units at SCS. Students are urged to follow the recommended curriculum to prevent scheduling conflicts later on;

3. Defend a thesis in an area related to Christian thought and/or apologetics that reflects a graduate-level of research and writing.
4. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.5 GPA
5. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
6. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.
7. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3
BH-505	Methods of Inductive Study	3
NT-601	Analysis of Romans	3
<b>Theology – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
TH-501	Systematic Theology	3
TH-508	Comparative Systems of Theology	3
HI-505	Church History and Canonicity (trimester)	3
<b>Philosophy – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PH-501	Logic and Rhetoric	3
PH-503	History of Philosophy and Worldviews	3
PH-507	Christian Ethics and Leadership	3
PH-601	Epistemology and Metaphysics	3
<b>Apologetics – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
AP-505	Apologetics and Christian Evidences	3
AP-603	Naturalism and Supernaturalism	3
SR-551	Philosophy of Science and Religion	3
SR-555	Creation and Evolution: Bible, Science, and Worldviews	3
<b>Research and Thesis – 6 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
RS-501	Graduate Research & Writing	3
RS-791	Thesis Writing (2 trimesters)	3
<b>Electives – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3
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**MAPA Total 60 units**

## *Master of Divinity*

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree is recognized as the standard degree for vocational Christian ministries that communicate the Word of God. Generally, graduates may serve in senior leadership positions in the pastorate, missions, Christian education, youth ministry, chaplaincy, evangelism, denominational settings, and social work. By taking a full-time load of 9 units each trimester, the program can be completed in four years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, how soon the student completes the capstone doctrinal summary requirement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

### Purpose

The MDiv degree is primarily designed to prepare students for:

- Pastoral roles that include Bible exposition or related senior leadership positions within the local church;
- Chaplaincy in the military, law enforcement, governmental, hospital settings and other institutional ministries; and
- Post-graduate studies leading to a terminal degree such as the Doctor of Ministry or Doctor of Education.

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Master of Divinity program students will be able to:

1. Interpret the content of the Old and New Testaments utilizing a literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutic;
2. Demonstrate a graduate-level proficiency in theological research and writing;
3. Articulate and defend a robust understanding of the foundational theological doctrines of the Christian faith;
4. Communicate biblical truths in a variety of settings;
5. Exegete both the Hebrew text of the Old Testament and the Greek text of the New Testament;
6. Exhibit advanced skills for Christian leadership and ministry within the local church.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MDiv degree must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete 96 units of graduate-level courses.
2. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.5 GPA
3. Take a minimum of 78 units of the 96 units required for graduation through the MDiv program at SCS.
4. Complete PM-751 and PM-752 Ministry Internship 1 and 2 (100 hours total of supervised ministry).
5. Complete RS-795 Doctrinal Summary 1 and RS-796 Doctrinal Summary 2.

### Doctrinal Summary

Doctrinal Summary is the capstone project which is designed to provide students with an opportunity for the writing of a summative research paper on the major areas of Christian doctrine

in preparation for ordination and professional ministry. Completion of this project is a two-stage process. In the first stage, the student registers for RS-795 Doctrinal Summary 1 and writes the first half of the doctrinal summary. In the second stage, the student registers for RS-796 Doctrinal Summary 2 and completes the second half and prepares an oral defense of the project.

### Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 27 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3
BH-505	Methods of Inductive Study	
OT-511	Old Testament 1: Genesis – Judges	3
OT-512	Old Testament 2: Ruth – Song of Solomon	3
OT-513	Old Testament 3: Prophets	3
NT-506	Gospels and Acts	3
NT-507	Pauline Epistles and Hebrews	3
NT-512	General Epistles and Revelation	3
NT-601	Analysis of Romans	3
<b>Theology and Christian Philosophy – 24 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PH-501	Logic and Rhetoric	3
PH-507	Christian Ethics and Leadership	3
HI-505	Church History and Canonicity (trimester)	3
TH-508	Comparative Systems of Theology	3
TH-611	Theology 1: Theology Proper, Bibliology, Angelology	3
TH-612	Theology 2: Anthropology, Hamartiology,	3
TH-613	Theology 3: Christology and Pneumatology	3
TH-614	Theology 4: Ecclesiology and Eschatology	3
<b>Biblical Languages – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BL-501	Elementary Greek 1 (trimester)	3
BL-502	Elementary Greek 2 (trimester)	3
BL-551	Elementary Hebrew 1 (trimester)	3
BL-552	Elementary Hebrew 2 (trimester)	3
<b>Christian Ministry Skills – 14 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PM-505	Spiritual Growth and Discipleship	3
MI-507	Theological Foundations of Missions	3
BC-510	Fundamentals of Christian Counseling	3
PM-701	Homiletics 1 (trimester)	3
PM-771	Ministry Internship 1 (trimester)	1
PM-772	Ministry Internship 2 (trimester)	1
<b>Research and Thesis – 7 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
RS-501	Graduate Research & Writing	3

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RS-795	Doctrinal Summary 1 (trimester)	2
RS-796	Doctrinal Summary 2 (trimester)	2

<b>Electives or Area of Concentration – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3

**M.Div Total 96 units**

### Chaplaincy

For those students who want to work as Chaplains in an institutional setting such as in the military, hospice care, nursing homes, Rehab clinics, hospitals, Civil Air Patrol, National Guard and prison ministries, we recommend completing a program of study that includes the Masters of Arts in Christian Counseling (MACC) degree and the Master of Divinity (MDIV) degree. Students pursuing this course of study can expect to earn the MACC degree in the first two years of their program, and continue seamlessly in the MDIV program. This requires no more than the 96 units of course work to complete the MDIV program. Together these programs provide a comprehensive education preparing the student for the various contingencies of serving as a Chaplain.

Completing both the MDIV and MACC programs can lead toward certification in Christian counseling, or to becoming a Board or Associated Certified Chaplain. SCS is recognized by the National Association of Professional Chaplains (APC) and graduates are eligible for Association of Gospel Churches (AGC) military Chaplaincy endorsement. This program also qualifies for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) programs for those interested in pursuing hospital, prison or institutional ministries.

The following course should be completed as the MDIV program Electives and Practical Ministry Skills courses:

<b>Counseling – 21 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BC-501	Theological Foundations of Counseling	3
BC-504	Marriage and Family Counseling	3
BC-508	Crisis Counseling	3
BC-510	Fundamentals of Christian Counseling	3
BC-515	Conflict Resolution	3
BC-600	Faith Integration and Praxis	3
BC-651	Counseling Practicum	3
<b>Practical Ministry Skills – 5 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PM-505	Spiritual Growth and Discipleship	3
PM-771	Ministry Internship 1 (trimester)	1
PM-772	Ministry Internship 2 (trimester)	1

## *MACC to Master of Divinity*

### Purpose

This transfer policy is designed for students who have already completed a Master of Arts in Christian Counseling (MACC) at SCS. Students who have earned a Master of Arts in Christian Counseling consisting of no fewer than 48 units of academic course work may apply those earned credits toward the Master of Divinity degree program.

### Program Objectives

The MACC to MDiv is an internal transfer policy and not a separate degree program. As such, the program objectives are those of the Master of Divinity, which purpose is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Interpret the content of the Old and New Testaments utilizing a literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutic;
2. Demonstrate a graduate-level proficiency in theological research and writing;
3. Articulate and defend a robust understanding of the foundational theological doctrines of the Christian faith;
4. Communicate biblical truths in a variety of settings;
5. Exegete both the Hebrew text of the Old Testament and the Greek text of the New Testament;
6. Exhibit advanced skills for Christian leadership and ministry within the local church.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MACC to MDiv transfer policy must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete 97 units of graduate level courses as indicated below.
2. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 2.0 GPA.
3. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
4. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.
5. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

### Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 27 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3
BH-505	Methods of Inductive Study	
OT-511	Old Testament 1: Genesis – Judges	3
OT-512	Old Testament 2: Ruth – Song of Solomon	3
OT-513	Old Testament 3: Prophets	3
NT-506	Gospels and Acts	3
NT-507	Pauline Epistles and Hebrews	3
NT-512	General Epistles and Revelation	3
NT-601	Analysis of Romans	3
<b>Theology and Christian Philosophy – 24 units</b>		<u>Units</u>

PH-501	Logic and Rhetoric	3
PH-507	Christian Ethics and Leadership	3
HI-505	Church History and Canonicity (trimester)	3
TH-508	Comparative Systems of Theology	3
TH-611	Theology 1: Theology Proper, Bibliology, Angelology	3
TH-612	Theology 2: Anthropology, Hamartiology,	3
TH-613	Theology 3: Christology and Pneumatology	3
TH-614	Theology 4: Ecclesiology and Eschatology	3

**Biblical Languages – 12 units** Units

BL-501	Elementary Greek 1 (trimester)	3
BL-502	Elementary Greek 2 (trimester)	3
BL-551	Elementary Hebrew 1 (trimester)	3
BL-552	Elementary Hebrew 2 (trimester)	3

**Christian Ministry Skills – 15 units** Units

BC 600	Faith, Integration and Praxis	3
PM-505	Spiritual Growth and Discipleship	3
BC-510	Fundamentals of Christian Counseling	3
PM-701	Homiletics 1 (trimester)	3
BC-651	Counseling Practicum	3

**Research and Thesis – 7 units** Units

RS-501	Graduate Research & Writing	3
RS-795	Doctrinal Summary 1 (trimester)	2
RS-796	Doctrinal Summary 2 (trimester)	2

**Electives or Area of Concentration – 12 units** Units

BC-501	Theological Foundations of Counseling	3
BC-504	Marriage and Family Counseling	3
BC-508	Crisis Counseling	3
BC-515	Conflict Resolution	3

**MACC to MDiv Total 97 units**

## *Master of Theology*

The Master of Theology (Th.M) program is a 124-unit course of instruction which is well suited for students who plan to pursue doctoral studies, wish to teach in an academic institution, and want to be more effective preachers and teachers of God's Word. By taking a full-time load of 6 units each trimester, the program can be completed in five years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, how soon the student completes the capstone thesis requirement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

### Purpose

The curriculum leading to the Th.M degree is designed to help students develop a high level of competency in academic research by sharpening their exegetical and theological skills beyond the MDiv or its equivalent in preparation for:

- Advanced study in a doctoral program such as Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Doctor of Theology (Th.D);
- Teaching ministry in institutional settings where doctoral-level credentials are not required; and
- More effective teaching and preaching ministries in local church settings.

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Master of Theology program students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the Old and New Testaments including the themes and a biblical-theological understanding of the canon;
2. Explain the historical development of Christian theology and philosophy;
3. Evaluate theological methodologies in light of a biblical worldview;
4. Exegete both the Hebrew text of the Old Testament and the Greek text of the New Testament;
5. Summarize a biblically based philosophy of Christian education and the role of the teacher; and
6. Be prepared for advanced theological education.

### Admission Requirements

Basic admission requirements and application procedures for the Th.M program are the same as for all graduate programs at SCS (see Admissions section of this Catalog), with the following exceptions.

1. The evaluation for admission to the Th.M program includes a review of the applicant's college transcript (or equivalent) coursework and any related graduate work to ensure the appropriate academic preparation necessary to pursue the Th.M degree. Transcripts of this work must show a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0.
2. Applicants who have completed a graduate degree in biblical or theological studies may be admitted to the Th.M program with a degree plan outlining what courses and how many units will be required for the completion of their degree. Applicants who are determined to be deficient in their previous course work may be admitted to the program on a conditional status subject to their completion of identified deficiencies.

### Program Length

The program is designed to be completed in five years. All coursework including thesis writing must be completed within ten years, beginning on the date of the student's first registration for Th.M courses at SCS. If the candidate cannot complete the program within this time frame, the candidate must make a written request for an extension to the Dean of Bible and Theology; failure to do so will be considered as withdrawal from the program.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the Th.M degree must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete 124 units of the prescribed curriculum and any remedial coursework;
2. Take at least 97 of the required 124 units through the Th.M program at SCS
3. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 3.0 GPA; and
4. Complete a thesis evidencing a high degree of scholarly competence.

### Thesis

Writing and defending a thesis is the capstone project for the ThM degree through which the student evidences a high degree of scholarly competence and research. The thesis must advance knowledge in the respective concentration and/or in methodology and possess quality expected of academic publishing. The prospective ThM candidate will demonstrate research that contributes to the wider body of knowledge pertaining to Bible, theology and/or history in one of the four concentrations for ThM thesis project, and must obtain approval of the thesis subject by their advisor as early in the program of study as possible:

#### **Old Testament**

Focus on research pertaining to any one of the 39 books of the OT, displaying a scholarly method in advanced Hebrew (or related languages), grammar, readings, and exegesis. Research will include interaction with both Christian and non-Christian primary and secondary sources.

#### **New Testament**

Specialize in research pertaining to any one of the 27 books of the NT, displaying a scholarly method in advanced Greek grammar, syntax, exegesis, and New Testament text critical issues.

#### **Theology**

Concentration in one of the various fields of study: Biblical Theology, Systematic Theology, or Historical Theology (including themes related to theological systems). Scholarly exegesis, handling of primary resources, and responsible representation and charitable critique of opposing views will characterize the research conducted and finished product.

#### **Ancient Jewish and Greco-Roman Studies**

Specialize in ancient Jewish and Greco-Roman non-canonical sources or historical study that relates to biblical studies: DSS, LXX, Second Temple literature (Apocalyptic, Apocryphal, pseudepigraphal texts, Josephus, Philo, Tacitus, Pliny, etc). Scholarly exegesis, handling of primary resources, and responsible representation and charitable critique of opposing views will characterize the research conducted and finished product.

Once the thesis subject is approved, the following two-step process begins.

1. The student registers for RS-891 Thesis Project 1 and prepares a thesis proposal which is comprised of a tentative title, a thesis statement, a prospectus (no more than six pages) that defines need, goals, and methodology of the research project, and a preliminary bibliography.
2. The student registers for RS-892 Thesis Project 2 and writes the thesis under the supervision of the advisor. Once the thesis is determined to be complete, the student defends the thesis before the thesis committee.

### Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 30 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3
BH-505	Methods of Inductive Study	3
BH-801	Advanced Hermeneutics (trimester)	3
OT-511	Old Testament 1: Genesis – Judges	3
OT-512	Old Testament 2: Ruth – Song of Solomon	3
OT-513	Old Testament 3: Prophets	3
NT-506	Gospels and Acts	3
NT-507	Pauline Epistles and Hebrews	3
NT-512	General Epistles and Revelation	3
NT-601	Analysis of Romans	3

<b>Theology and Christian Philosophy – 33 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PH-501	Logic and Rhetoric	3
PH-503	History of Philosophy and Worldviews	3
PH-507	Christian Ethics and Leadership	3
PH-803	History of Christian Philosophy (Trimester)	3
HI-505	Church History and Canonicity (trimester)	3
PH-803	History of Christian Philosophy (trimester)	3
TH-508	Comparative Systems of Theology	3
TH-611	Theology 1: Theology Proper, Bibliology, Angelology	3
TH-612	Theology 2: Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology	3
TH-613	Theology 3: Christology and Pneumatology	3
TH-614	Theology 4: Ecclesiology and Eschatology	3
TH-805	Advanced Theology: Theory and Praxis (trimester)	3

<b>Biblical Languages – 24 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BL-501	Elementary Greek 1 (trimester)	3
BL-502	Elementary Greek 2 (trimester)	3
BL-551	Elementary Hebrew 1 (trimester)	3
BL-552	Elementary Hebrew 2 (trimester)	3
BL-601	Intermediate Greek 1 (trimester)	3

BL-602 Intermediate Greek 2 (trimester) 3

***Plus Either:***

BL-651 Intermediate Hebrew 1 (trimester) 3

BL-652 Intermediate Hebrew 2 (trimester) 3

***Or:***

BL-701 NT Exegesis 1 (trimester) 3

BL-702 NT Exegesis 2 (trimester) 3

**Practical Ministry Skills – 17 units** Units

PM-505 Spiritual Growth and Discipleship 3

CE-506 Teaching Dynamics 3

MI-507 Theological Foundations of Missions 3

BC-510 Fundamentals of Christian Counseling 3

PM-701 Homiletics 1 (trimester) 3

PM-781 Academic Internship 1 (trimester) 1

PM-782 Academic Internship 2 (trimester) 1

**Research and Thesis – 8 units** Units

RS-501 Graduate Research & Writing 3

RS-801 Advanced Research & Writing Methodologies  
(Seminar) 1

RS-891 Thesis Project 1 (trimester) 2

RS-892 Thesis Project 2 (trimester) 2

**Electives or Areas of Concentration – 12 units** Units

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**Th.M Total 124 units**

## *Master of Divinity to Master of Theology*

### Purpose

This transfer policy is designed for students who have already completed a Master of Divinity (MDiv) from an accredited institution. Students who have earned a MDiv degree may request to have their transcript reviewed to see if they qualify for this course of study. The CGPA for the earned MDiv degree must be a minimum of 3.0. Depending on the curriculum of the earned MDiv degree, this program of study could require up to 66-units of course-work that leads to the completion of the ThM. By taking a full-time load of 9 units each trimester, the program can be completed in 2 to 2.5 years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

### Program Objectives

The MDiv to ThM is an internal transfer policy and not a separate degree program. As such, the program objectives are those of the Master of Theology, which purpose is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the Old and New Testaments including the themes and a biblical-theological understanding of the canon;
2. Explain the historical development of Christian theology and philosophy;
3. Evaluate theological methodologies in light of a biblical worldview;
4. Exegete both the Hebrew text of the Old Testament and the Greek text of the New Testament;
5. Summarize a biblically based philosophy of Christian education and the role of the teacher; and
6. Be prepared for advanced theological education.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MDiv to ThM transfer policy must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete 66 units of undergraduate level courses as indicated below.
2. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 3.0 GPA.
3. Submit a petition to graduate to the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Calendar.
4. Settle all financial obligations to SCS.
5. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity.

### Curriculum Distribution

<b>Biblical Studies – 3 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BH-801	Advanced Hermeneutics (trimester)	3
<b>Theology and Christian Philosophy – 33 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PH-803	History of Christian Philosophy (Trimester)	3
TH-805	Advanced Theology: Theory and Praxis (trimester)	3

<b>Biblical Languages – 18 units*</b>		<u>Units</u>
BL-601	Intermediate Greek 1 (trimester)	3
BL-602	Intermediate Greek 2 (trimester)	3
BL-651	Intermediate Hebrew 1 (trimester)	3
BL-652	Intermediate Hebrew 2 (trimester)	3
 <i>Plus Two Biblical Exegesis Courses, Either:</i>		
BL-701	NT Exegesis 1 (trimester)	3
BL-702	NT Exegesis 2 (trimester)	3
<i>Or:</i>		
BL-751	OT Exegesis 1 (trimester)	
BL-752	OT Exegesis 1 (trimester)	
 <b>Practical Ministry Skills – 2 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PM-781	Academic Internship 1 (trimester)	1
PM-782	Academic Internship 2 (trimester)	1
 <b>Research and Thesis – 5 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
RS-801	Advanced Research & Writing Methodologies (Seminar)	1
RS-891	Thesis Project 1 (trimester)	2
RS-892	Thesis Project 2 (trimester)	2
 <b>Electives – 6 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
_____	_____	3
_____	_____	3

**Th.M Total 40 units**

\*Intermediate Greek and Hebrew may be completed in an MDiv

**Additional Coursework – (MDiv prerequisites, may not be required)**

BL-501	Elementary Greek 1
BL-502	Elementary Greek 2
BL-551	Elementary Hebrew 1
BL-552	Elementary Hebrew 2
PH-501	Logic and Rhetoric
PH-503	History of Philosophy and Worldviews
HI-505	Church History and Canonicity (trimester)
TH-508	Comparative Systems of Theology

## *Doctor of Ministry*

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) program is a 36-unit doctorate designed for leaders and pastors who are looking to take their ministry and career to the next level. For students who desire to have an emphasis, they can choose from the following: biblical exposition, Christian leadership, and Christian education. All emphases blend intellectual pursuits with functional foundations. The program combines the best of a modified residency with a “high-touch” and interactive online component. Students are required to come to the campus for one intensive per year, lasting two weeks. The degree is run in a cohort model and can be completed in as few as three years (though a student may choose to take longer in the project stage).

### Purpose

The curriculum leading to the D.Min degree is designed to help student develop a high level of competency in ministry and leadership.

The Biblical Exposition emphasis prepares the student for:

- More effective teaching and preaching ministries in local church settings.
- Using a tried-and-true approach to expository preaching model from the pulpit.

The Christian Leadership emphasis prepares the student for:

- Understanding leadership principles from the business world and learning to apply them to non-profit and ministry roles.
- Using biblical mandates for leadership and harnessing the power of leadership development.

The Christian Education emphasis prepares the student for:

- Understanding best practices in teaching, learning, and assessment in education
- Designing and implementing effective programs for Christian development and formation

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Doctor of Ministry program, student will be able to:

1. Conceptualize and evaluate the various contributing factors impacting contemporary Christianity, particularly as it applies to the local church.
2. Distinguish the role of culture and worldviews in the effective formulation of Christian ministry and leadership.
3. Demonstrate the importance of sound biblical theology and its contribution to a comprehensive knowledge related to the area of ministry focus.
4. Develop executable plans for ministry leadership, exposition, or education based on sound academic research and professional best practices.
5. Synthesize major theoretical concepts within an area of academic and professional specialization.

### Admission Requirements

Basic admission requirements and application procedures for the D.Min program are the same as for all graduate programs at SCS (see Admissions section of this catalog), with the following exceptions.

1. Applicants must have at least 3 years of part-time (20 hours week or more) experience in ministry leadership in the area of the students chosen track.
2. Applicants must present approved undergraduate and graduate degrees. The evaluation for admission to the D.Min program includes a review of the applicant's completed Master of Divinity (or equivalent; for exceptions, see below) coursework to ensure the appropriate academic preparation necessary to pursue the D.Min degree. Transcripts of this work must show a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0.
3. For applicants who do not have an accredited Master of Divinity degree, to demonstrate graduate-level capability in Bible, theology, practical ministry, church leadership, and research and writing, the student is required to have at least 72 units of graduate course work, including an earned graduate degree in Bible, theology or field of study related to Christian ministry. In addition to the course work, the applicant must have completed a substantive capstone research project or thesis that can be submitted for review.
4. Applicants who are determined to be deficient in their previous coursework may be admitted to the program on a conditional status subject to their completion of identified deficiencies in addition to the program requirement. On acceptance, D.Min students will receive a degree plan outlining what courses and how many units will be required for their program.

### Program Length

The program is designed to be completed in as few as 3 years. However, some students may require additional time, especially during the dissertation stage. All coursework including project writing must be completed within six years, beginning on the date of the student's first registration for D.Min courses at SCS.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the D.Min degree must meet the general graduation requirements and

1. Complete 36 units of the prescribed curriculum and any remedial coursework;
2. Complete the program curriculum with not less than a 3.0 GPA; and,
3. Complete a dissertation evidencing a high degree of scholarly competence

### D.Min Project

Writing a dissertation project is the capstone assignment for the D.Min candidate through which the student produces an acceptable piece of practical research evidencing a high degree of scholarly competence and ministry acumen. The student must obtain approval of the dissertation/project subject by their advisor by the completion of the first year.

### Curriculum Distribution

<b>Core Courses – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
SS-900	Christianity, Culture and Crossroads	4

TH-905	Applied Theology for Biblical Ministry and Formation	4
CM-910	Christian Perspectives on Understanding and Communication	4

<b>Electives – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
_____	_____	4
_____	_____	4
_____	_____	4

<b>OR - Biblical Exposition Emphasis Courses – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PM-915	Text Driven Exposition	4
PM-925	Teaching Theology from the Pulpit	4
PM-950	Current Issues and Praxis	4

<b>OR - Christian Leadership Emphasis Courses – 12</b>		<u>Units</u>
LS-920	Understanding Non-profit Leadership	4
LS-930	Leading through Adversity and Change	4
PM-950	Current Issues and Praxis	4

<b>OR - Christian Education Track Courses – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
CE-920	History and Philosophy of Christian Education	4
CE-930	Teaching, Learning, and Assessment	4
PM-950	Current Issues and Praxis	4

<b>Dissertation Project Courses– 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
RS-981	Applied Research & Mentoring Seminar 1	2
RS-982	Applied Research & Mentoring Seminar 2	2
RS-983	Applied Research & Mentoring Seminar 3	2
RS-991	Dissertation Project 1	2
RS-992	Dissertation Project 2	2
RS-993	Dissertation Project 3	2
RS 994	Dissertation Project Continuance	P

**D.Min Total 36 units**

## Graduate School of Behavioral Sciences

### *Welcome! From the Dean of Behavioral Sciences*

Thank you for considering Southern California Seminary as you continue your graduate and post-graduate studies in psychology. What you will learn at SCS will equip you with a lifetime of service to God by caring for the unique needs of others.

I want to introduce you to our biblically based programs which feature convenient schedules. Southern California Seminary provides a trusted biblical foundation for the study of master's and Doctoral level psychology. Education and training in preparation for practice as a Christian mental health clinician is based on the invariable truth of God's Word and the existing body of knowledge and skills in the science of psychology. Each of these classes is taught by doctoral-level professionals dedicated to their professions and the integration of the Scripture and psychology. The School of Behavioral Sciences also offers bilingual courses in English and Korean in the master's and Doctoral level psychology programs.

The Division of Behavioral Sciences offers graduate-level instruction in professional counseling psychology. Students who successfully complete the curriculum earn the Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (MACP) degree or the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy (MAMFT). These degrees may lead to licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist, as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, or a student may choose not to pursue licensure.

The Doctor of Psychology is a non-licensure track program with a major emphasis on developing advanced research skills. We aim to teach students how to translate classroom information into a practical professional application. The Doctor of Psychology program gives students the tools necessary to enhance their professional work.

The Doctor of Psychology program features three emphases and an option to have no emphasis. The International and Multicultural emphasis prepares students for applying multicultural concepts to psychology and mental health. The Educational Psychology emphasis prepares students to use educational psychology concepts such as educational leadership and curriculum development. Lastly, the emphasis on Industrial and Organizational Psychology prepares students to apply psychological theory in the workplace, which offers graduates the opportunity to work in various settings ranging from management consulting to human resource management. The Psychology program prepares students to be professionals and offers courses that integrate psychological concepts with biblical implications.

Blessings,

Dr. Elizabeth Elenwo

Dean, Graduate School of Behavioral Sciences

## *Degrees in Behavioral Sciences*

Degrees in the discipline of Behavioral Sciences are offered on the graduate and postgraduate levels, most of which may be completed on-campus or on-line.\*

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Ground</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Units</u>
Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (MACP), Licensure	Yes	Yes	72
Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (MACP), Non-Licensure	Yes	Yes	63
Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy (MAMFT)	Yes	Yes	72
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) – MA to PsyD‡	Yes	Yes	108
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)‡	Yes	Yes	54

\*There is an exception for specified courses that must be completed on-site and are offered as intensives for online students.

‡ The PsyD program offers 4 different emphases:

- No Emphasis
- Educational Psychology
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and
- International & Multicultural.

The MAMFT and MACP degrees lead to licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist. However, the student seeking to study counseling and psychology without seeking licensure finds the MACP most appropriate. The student planning to continue to the PsyD program, finds both the MAMFT and the MACP suitable.

## Technology Requirements

All students will be required to use Populi for assignments. Online students are required to have access to a computer or device with webcam accessibility and a headset to use for online class time with the professor and other students. Classes may require set times for online students to meet with the professor and other students, although flexibility will be given within the structure. For example, six options of various days and times may be given and students may be required to attend two. Also, students will be required to either stream into the live class or watch the video of the live class. Access to the live and recorded classes is through a private YouTube account. Other forms of video lectures and online learning tools will be built into Populi.

## *Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology*

### Licensure Track or Non-Licensure Track

The Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (MACP) program uses cohort dynamics to develop an environment that facilitates cooperative study and interactive learning. Group cohesion, student cooperation, and mutual support replace competition. Lecture is minimized and interaction among participants and instructor is encouraged. A group is formed when at least 12 students have enrolled. Each group progresses through the course of instruction in a specific sequence while attending courses usually held once each week from 4:00-10:00p.m. The cohort is comprised of both online and onsite students interacting together with the Discussion Board and other live synchronous media used to facilitate community and support. By taking a full-time load of 6 units each trimester, the licensure track can be completed in five years, while the non-licensure track can be completed in four years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

Nine units of required biblical foundation studies are included in the MACP program. MACP students may earn the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree by taking an additional units of graduate biblical studies.

### Purpose

The curriculum leading to the MACP degree is designed to prepare students for individual, marriage, family, or child counseling in vocational, church, private, or institutional settings. The MACP (Licensure Track) is focused on preparing students to be licensed in California as a Marriage and Family Therapist or/and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. Licensure in some other states is possible, but not guaranteed and we recommend you review the requirements of your state's licensing board. The MACP (Non-Licensure Track) is designed for students who want to gain the counseling skills and learn the scientific research provided by psychology without desiring licensure.

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the MACP program the student will be able to:

1. Apply a variety of evidence-based psychotherapeutic techniques and modalities that may be utilized to improve, restore, or maintain healthy individual, couple and family relationships.
2. Identify and apply cross-cultural mores and values to effective therapy, including the wide range of racial and ethnic backgrounds common among California's population.
3. Demonstrate values such as integrity, sensitivity, flexibility, insight, compassion and Christian ethical standards of conduct throughout the academic process.
4. Prove competency in the assessment and treatment of diverse people groups within a recovery-oriented philosophy.
5. Bring glory to God by understanding and applying biblical truth to the study and application of marriage and family therapy.

### Admission Requirements

Admission is granted only to those applicants judged to be fully qualified. Students should contact the Admissions Office for direction on how to proceed as soon as they seriously contemplate studies at SCS.

The Dean of Behavioral Sciences may admit an applicant who does not meet the criteria if other factors warrant such action. The Provost/CAO's judgment is the final authority.

Applicants for admission into the MACP program must meet all normal admissions requirement in addition to the following requirements specific to this degree program.

1. Complete 6 units of undergraduate coursework that includes:
  - Introduction to Psychology, or its equivalent, and
  - Abnormal Psychology that emphasizes use of the current DSM.
  - Be interviewed by the Dean or authorized by designated Behavioral Sciences Adviser
2. Undergo specified psychological testing at personal expense (may be waived in certain instances).

#### CCAPP (California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals)

For additional CCAPP and LAADC certificate options, the following 3-unit course must be added: SS-331 Personal & Professional Growth must be completed within the MACP program.

#### LPCC (Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor)

For additional LPCC license, additional courses will be required, including CO-777.

If a student does not meet the coursework requirement, admittance may be granted as a Special Status student. MACP courses may be taken but any unfulfilled prerequisite coursework requirements must be fulfilled before graduation.

#### Best Practices Seminar

One content area that is a major emphasis by the licensing board (California Board of Behavioral Sciences) is Law and Ethics. SCS offers the "Best Practices" seminar yearly that addresses this important discipline. The annual seminar is mandatory for all students in the MACP program. Online students will participate via live streaming online.

#### Taylor Study Method (TSM)

The MACP degree is integrated with the innovative learning program, Taylor Study Method. There is annual fee of \$100 charged to students beginning with their first course and occurring at the same time each year until graduation. Each course includes an integration of relevant key concepts from the field of psychology through this supplemental learning program which incorporates memory tools, licensing preparation, audio and visual tools, and more through an innovative online learning format. Participation in TSM is mandatory for all students and a point value for participation is given in each course. TSM offers the student an effective way to retain more information of what is considered the most important concepts in psychology as well as offers the school valuable measurable learning outcomes for accreditation purposes.

#### CAMFT Membership and Insurance

All MAMFT and MACP students will be required to maintain CAMFT (California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists) membership and participate in a blanket insurance coverage while a student at SCS. There is an added fee paid by the student to CAMFT for membership and SCS will require proof of membership. SCS will charge the student the fee for insurance, typically

around August of each year. This is a protection to the school, student and wherever the student conducts therapy. Students will also have access to CAMFT lawyers during normal business hours through their CAMFT membership.

### Prerequisites to Begin as a Trainee in Practicum (Licensure Track Only)

Before beginning any clinical practice, students must complete their first year of prescribed study (19 units: CO-501, CO-505, CO-506, CO-507, CO-508, CO-516, CO-619). This includes 20 hours of individual therapy and 20 sessions (40 hours) of group therapy as outlined in CO-619 counseling process during their first year. Students must also become members of CAMFT and have obtained liability insurance that covers the student, their counseling site and the school. This is a separate expense to the student and the student must show proof of purchase before beginning the Practicum class. Contact the program coordinator at (619) 201-8983 for more information.

### Bilingual (Korean/English) Program

All courses offered in the MACP/MAMFT program are taught in a bilingual (Korean/English) format geared toward the Korean population. When registering for a bilingual course, the course numbers are followed by the BK suffix, for example, CO-501BK Counseling Theory 1.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MACP degree must meet the general graduation requirements and complete the applicable program, either licensure track or non-licensure track. The non-licensure track includes the completion of a master's thesis (capstone project) and its oral defense before the thesis committee and other invited clinicians and professionals by the February before commencement.

1. Complete 63 total units of graduate level courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
2. Complete an additional pre-requisite 9 units of master's level biblical foundation courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA. These courses may be taken prior to or concurrently with MACP studies.
3. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity and clinical competency. A quorum of at least six Behavioral Sciences faculty (including the Dean and the Practicum Internship professor) must agree to recommend the student for graduation.

### Curriculum Distribution – Licensure Track

<b>MACP Core Courses – 46 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
CO-501	Counseling Theory 1	3
CO-505	Human Growth and Development	3
CO-506	Counseling Techniques	3
CO-507	Crisis and Suicide Risk Intervention	3
CO-508	Psychopathology	3
CO-509	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
CO-515	Counseling Theory 2	3
CO-516	Law and Professional Ethics in Counseling	3
CO-608	Research and Program Evaluations	3
CO-611	Cross-cultural Mores and Values	3
CO-612	Approaches to the Treatment of Children	3
CO-617	Psychological Testing and Application	3

CO-618	Group Counseling	3
CO-619	Counseling Process	1
CO 625	Advanced Case Management	3
CO-774	Psychopharmacology	3

<b>Counseling Practicum – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
CO-771	Counseling Practicum 1	3
CO-772	Counseling Practicum 2	3
CO-773	Counseling Practicum 3	3
CO-778	Practicum Continuance (optional)	3

<b>Training for Licensure Preparation* – 8 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
CO-613	Ethics of Sexual Care and Human Sexuality	1
CO-614	Alcohol and Substance Abuse	3
CO-615	Child, Spousal/Partner Abuse	2
CO-620	Dependent Adult, Elder Care, and Aging	2

*\*As required by the Board of Behavioral Science.*

<b>Biblical Foundations – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BC-600	Faith Integration and Praxis	3
<i>Or</i>		
BC- 501	Theological Foundations of Counseling	3
<i>And</i>		
BH-207	Inductive Bible Study	3
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3

**MACP (Licensure Track) Total 72 units**

**On Campus Intensives for Online Programs**

Almost all of the MACP and MAMFT courses are available online as well as on-site, with the exception of two courses specifically chosen to be required in person at the El Cajon campus. CO-506 Counseling Techniques, is offered as an intensive course to be taken on-site typically during the end of the first year of graduate courses. CO-618 Group Counseling, is also offered as an intensive typically during the end of the second year of graduate courses. It is the students' responsibility to arrange travel and accommodations while participating in these intensive courses, although the school may help in guidance and options. These courses will function as a competency evaluation to assure students are gaining the needed skills to be effective clinicians in practice after graduation. Poor grades or failure of these courses could result in a re-evaluation of whether the student is appropriate for the degree. See the course descriptions for better understanding of what is required in the courses.

## Licensure Requirements

The SCS Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology program satisfies the educational requirements of the California Board of Behavioral Science, Business and Professions Code, Section 4980.37, for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist in California.

- With two additional classes (Advanced Therapeutic Interventions and Counseling) the MACP degree also meets educational requirements for licensure as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor.
- The other requirements for licensure as an MFT include registration with the BBS as a registered associate marriage and family therapist, 104 weeks of supervision, 3000 hours of supervised work experience, and passing both the MFT Law and Ethics Exam and California MFT Clinical Examination.
- The other requirements for licensure as an LPCC include registration with the BBS as a Registered Associate Professional Clinical Counselor, 104 weeks of supervision (52 of which must be individual supervision), 3,000 hours of supervised work experience (completed after degree conferral) and passing both the California Law and Ethics Examination and the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination.

Students seeking licensure should contact the Board of Behavioral Sciences verify licensure requirements. Completion of the MACP degree program does not guarantee licensure. Students seeking licensure in another state should review the requirements of the specific state before enrolling in our degree programs.

## California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP) Approved

Southern California Seminary is approved by California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (previously known as CAADAC) and meets all requirements as set forth by CCAPP and the Educational board (CCAPP Institute). Graduates of the MACP may take one additional course and a specialized practicum experience to meet requirements for the certification as a drug/alcohol counselor.

## Bilingual (Korean/English) Program

All courses offered in the MACP/MAMFT program are taught in a bilingual (Korean/English) format geared toward the Korean population. When registering for a bilingual course, the course numbers are followed by the BK suffix, for example, CO-501BK Counseling Theory 1.

## Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MACP degree must meet the general graduation requirements and complete the applicable program, either licensure track or non-licensure track. The non-licensure track includes the completion of a master's thesis (capstone project) and its oral defense before the thesis committee and other invited clinicians and professionals by the February before commencement.

1. Complete 54 total units of graduate level courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
2. Complete an additional pre-requisite 18 units of master's level biblical foundation courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA. These courses may be taken prior to or concurrently with MACP studies.
3. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity and clinical competency. A quorum of at least six Behavioral Sciences faculty (including the Dean and the Practicum Internship professor) must agree to recommend the student for graduation.

Curriculum Distribution – Non-Licensure Track

<b>MACP Core Courses – 54 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
CO-501	Counseling Theory 1	3
CO-505	Human Growth and Development	3
CO-506	Counseling Techniques	3
CO-507	Crisis and Suicide Risk Intervention	3
CO-508	Psychopathology	3
CO-509	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
CO-515	Counseling Theory 2	3
CO-516	Law and Professional Ethics in Counseling	3
CO-608	Research and Program Evaluations	3
CO-611	Cross-cultural Mores and Values	3
CO-612	Approaches to the Treatment of Children	3
CO-613	Ethics of Sexual Care and Human Sexuality	1
CO-614	Alcohol and Substance Abuse	3
CO-615	Child, Spousal/Partner Abuse	2
CO-617	Psychological Testing and Application	3
CO-618	Group Counseling	3
CO-619	Counseling Process	1
CO-620	Dependent Adult, Elder Care, and Aging	2
CO 625	Advanced Case Management	3
CO-774	Psychopharmacology	3

<b>Biblical Foundations – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BC-600	Faith Integration and Praxis	3
<i>Or</i>		
BC- 501	Theological Foundations of Counseling	3
<i>And</i>		
BH-207	Inductive Bible Study	3
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3

**MACP (Non-Licensure Track) Total 63 units**

## *Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy*

The MAMFT program uses cohort dynamics to develop an environment that facilitates cooperative study and interactive learning. Group cohesion, student cooperation, and mutual support replace competition. Lecture is minimized and interaction among participants and instructor is encouraged. A group is formed when at least 12 students have enrolled. Each group progresses through the course of instruction in a specific sequence while attending courses usually held once each week from 4:00-10:00p.m. By taking a full-time load of 6 units each trimester, the program can be completed in five years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

Nine units of required biblical foundation studies are included in the MAMFT program. MAMFT students may earn the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree by taking an additional 27 units of graduate biblical studies or the Master of Arts in Christian Counseling by taking an additional 39 units of graduate biblical studies.

### Purpose

The curriculum leading to the MAMFT degree is designed to prepare students for working with couples and families as a Marriage and Family Therapist in California. The MAMFT degree teaches students to incorporate popular family systems theories with other psychological, empirically validated theories and techniques to tailor effective therapy for each individual, couple, or family.

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the MAMFT program the student will be able to:

1. Apply a variety of evidence-based psychotherapeutic techniques and modalities that may be utilized to improve, restore, or maintain healthy individual, couple and family relationships.
2. Identify and apply cross-cultural mores and values to effective therapy, including the wide range of racial and ethnic backgrounds common among California's population.
3. Demonstrate values such as integrity, sensitivity, flexibility, insight, compassion and Christian ethical standards of conduct throughout the academic process.
4. Prove competency in the assessment and treatment of diverse people groups within a recovery-oriented philosophy.
5. Bring glory to God by understanding and applying biblical truth to the study and application of marriage and family therapy.

### Admission Requirements

Admission is granted only to those applicants judged to be fully qualified. Students should contact the Admissions Office for direction on how to proceed as soon as they seriously contemplate studies at SCS.

The Dean of Behavioral Sciences may admit an applicant who does not meet the criteria if other factors warrant such action. The Provost/CAO's judgment is the final authority.

Applicants for admission into the MAMFT program must meet all normal admissions requirement in addition to the following requirements specific to this degree program.

1. Complete 6 units of undergraduate coursework that includes:
  - Introduction to Psychology, or its equivalent, and

- Abnormal Psychology that emphasizes use of the current DSM.
  - Be interviewed by the Dean or authorized by designated Behavioral Sciences Adviser
2. Undergo specified psychological testing at personal expense (may be waived in certain instances).

#### CCAPP (California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals)

For additional CCAPP and LAADC certificate options, the following 3-unit course must be added: SS-331 Personal & Professional Growth must be completed within the MAMFT program.

#### LPCC (Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor)

For additional LPCC license, additional courses will be required, including CO-777.

If a student does not meet the coursework requirement, admittance may be granted as a Special Status student. MACP/MAMFT courses may be taken but any unfulfilled prerequisite coursework requirements must be fulfilled before graduation.

#### Best Practices Seminar

One content area that is a major emphasis by the licensing board (California Board of Behavioral Sciences) is Law and Ethics. SCS offers the “Best Practices” seminar yearly that addresses this important discipline. The annual seminar is mandatory for all students in the MAMFT program. The online students will be able to participate via live streaming online.

#### Taylor Study Method (TSM)

The MAMFT degree is integrated with the innovative learning program, Taylor Study Method. There is a minimum annual fee charged to students beginning with their first course and occurring the same time each year until graduation. Each course includes an integration of relevant key concepts from the field of psychology through this supplemental learning program which incorporates memory tools, licensing preparation, audio and visual tools, and more through an innovative online learning format. Participation in TSM is mandatory for all students and a point value for participation is given in each course. TSM offers the student an effective way to retain more information of what is considered the most important concepts in psychology as well as offers the school valuable measurable learning outcomes for accreditation purposes.

#### CAMFT Membership and Insurance

All MAMFT and MACP students will be required to maintain CAMFT (California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists) membership and participate in a blanket insurance coverage while a student at SCS. There is an added fee paid by the student to CAMFT for membership and SCS will require proof of membership. SCS will charge the student the fee for insurance, typically around August of each year. This is a protection to the school, student and wherever the student conducts therapy. Students will also have access to CAMFT lawyers during normal business hours through their CAMFT membership.

#### Prerequisites to Begin as a Trainee in Practicum

Before beginning any clinical practice, students must complete their first year of prescribed study (19 units: CO-501, CO-505, CO-506, CO-507, CO-508, CO-516, CO-619). This includes 20 hours of individual therapy and 20 sessions (40 hours) of group therapy as outlined in CO-619 counseling

process during their first year. Students must also become members of CAMFT and have obtained liability insurance that covers the student, their counseling site and the school. This is a separate expense to the student and the student must show proof of purchase before beginning the Practicum class. Contact the program coordinator at (619) 201-8983 for more information.

### Bilingual (Korean/English) Program

All courses offered in the MACP/MAMFT program are taught in a bilingual (Korean/English) format geared toward the Korean population. When registering for a bilingual course, the course numbers are followed by the BK suffix, for example, CO-501BK Counseling Theory 1.

### Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the MAMFT degree must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete 63 total units of graduate level courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
2. Complete an additional pre-requisite 9 units of master's level biblical foundation courses. These courses may be taken prior to or concurrently with MAMFT studies.
3. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity and clinical competency. A quorum of at least six Behavioral Sciences faculty (including the Dean and the Practicum Internship professor) must agree to recommend the student for graduation.

### Curriculum Distribution

<b>MAMFT Core Courses – 46 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
CO-501	Counseling Theory 1	3
CO-504	Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy	3
CO-505	Human Growth and Development	3
CO-506	Counseling Techniques	3
CO-507	Crisis and Suicide Risk Intervention	3
CO-508	Psychopathology	3
CO-509	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
CO-516	Law and Professional Ethics in MFT	3
CO-608	Research and Program Evaluations	3
CO-611	Cross-cultural Mores and Values	3
CO-612	Approaches to the Treatment of Children	3
CO-618	Group Counseling	3
CO-619	Counseling Process	1
CO-621	Assessment Techniques in MFT Clinical Practice	3
CO-625	Advanced Case Management	3
CO-774	Psychopharmacology	3
 <b>Counseling Practicum – 9 units</b>		 <u>Units</u>
CO-771	Counseling Practicum 1	3
CO-772	Counseling Practicum 2	3
CO-773	Counseling Practicum 3	3
CO-778	Practicum Continuance (optional)	3
 <b>Training for Licensure Preparation* – 8 units</b>		 <u>Units</u>
CO-613	Ethics of Sexual Care and Human Sexuality	1
CO-614	Alcohol and Substance Abuse	3

CO-615	Child, Spousal/Partner Abuse	2
CO-620	Dependent Adult, Elder Care, and Aging	2

*\*As required by the Board of Behavioral Science.*

<b>Biblical Foundations – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BC-600	Faith Integration and Praxis	3
BH-207	Inductive Bible Study	3
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3

**MAMFT Total 72 units**

### On Campus Intensives for Online Programs

Almost all of the MACP and MAMFT courses are available online as well as on-site, with the exception of two courses specifically chosen to be required in person at the El Cajon campus. CO-506 Counseling Techniques, is offered as an intensive course to be taken on-site typically during the end of the first year of graduate courses. CO-618 Group Counseling, is also offered as an intensive typically during the end of the second year of graduate courses. It is the students' responsibility to arrange travel and accommodations while participating in these intensive courses, although the school may help in guidance and options. These courses will function as a competency evaluation to assure students are gaining the needed skills to be effective clinicians in practice after graduation. Poor grades or failure of these courses could result in a re-evaluation of whether the student is appropriate for the degree. See the course descriptions for better understanding of what is required in the courses.

### Licensure Requirements

The SCS Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy (MAMFT) program satisfies the educational requirements of the California Board of Behavioral Science, Business and Professions Code, Section 4980.37, for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist in California.

- With additional classes the MAMFT degree also meets educational requirements for licensure as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor.
- The other requirements for licensure as an MFT include registration with the BBS as an intern, 104 weeks of supervision, 3000 hours of supervised work experience, and passing both the MFT Standard Written Exam and MFT Written Clinical Vignette Examination.
- The other requirements for licensure as an LPCC include registration with the BBS as a Professional Counselor Intern, 104 weeks of supervision (52 of which must be individual supervision), 3,000 hours of supervised work experience (completed after degree conferral), and passing both the California Law and Ethics Examination and the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination.

Students seeking licensure should contact the Board of Behavioral Sciences to verify licensure requirements. Completion of the MAMFT degree program does not guarantee licensure. Students seeking licensure in another state should review the requirements of the specific state before enrolling in our degree programs.

## *Doctor of Psychology*

### Purpose

The Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) program provides students with a biblically based training program, designed to equip them for ministry opportunities in the local church, private practice counseling, or service in organizational and institutional settings. This unique integration of psychology and theology will prepare students to impact individuals, families, and communities with counseling skills and psychological tools, encompassed in a genuine spiritual environment. Students in the PsyD program must choose at least one of four emphases available: (1) Psychology (no emphasis), (2) Educational Psychology, (3) International / Multicultural Psychology, and (4) Industrial / Organizational Psychology.

### Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Doctor of Psychology program the student will be able to:

1. Apply accepted psychological research, testing, and theory to mental health related issues.
2. Utilize in-depth biblical and theological knowledge to enhance the profession of psychology.
3. Demonstrate values such as integrity and ethical standards of conduct according to the laws and professional standards regulating the psychology field throughout the academic process.
4. Integrate academic knowledge, psychological research, and clinical skill to enhance the profession of clinical psychology in whatever area of choice or expertise the student may choose.
5. Bring glory to God by training and equipping Christians with Bible knowledge, psychological understanding, and clinical skills to impact lives and positively influence the mental health field.

### Program Overview

Education and training in preparing students in psychology is based on the invariable truth of God's Word and the existing body of knowledge and skills in the science of psychology. SCS offers a MA to PsyD program and a PsyD program.

The MA to PsyD program allows a student with a qualifying bachelor's degree to receive a PsyD degree within five to six years. The MA to PsyD program is comprised of a minimum of 106 core units of graduate courses and 9 units of specified master's level biblical foundation courses. By taking a full-time load of 6 units each trimester for non-dissertation classes and 3 units each trimester for dissertation classes, the program can be completed in six years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, how soon the student completes the dissertation requirement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

The PsyD program builds upon the educational foundation obtained during prior graduate studies and students enter the PsyD program with a qualifying master's degree. The PsyD program is comprised of a minimum of 45 core units taken within a three to four-year period, with a prerequisite of 9 units of specified master's level biblical foundation courses. By taking a full-time load of 6 units each trimester for non-dissertation classes and 3 units each trimester for dissertation classes, the program can be completed in five years. Course availability, student load, adherence to student advisement, how soon the student completes the

dissertation requirement, and other factors may extend or shorten the anticipated completion timeline.

Students have seven years from their first enrollment in PY-905 to complete their dissertation. Continuous enrollment in the dissertation sequence must be maintained once started. Students who do not complete their dissertations within seven years of starting, will remain ABD (all but dissertation) and will not receive a degree conferral until the completion of all the requirements. They may have to take extra classes to complete these requirements (for example, adding another emphasis).

### Admission Requirements

The profession of counseling psychology requires individual and interpersonal competencies in addition to academic preparation. Personal, spiritual, and emotional maturity is taken into consideration in assessing qualification for admissions. The PsyD program includes all normal admissions requirements as well as the following additional requirements.

1. For the PsyD program, applicants are required to have any Bachelor of Arts degree from a qualified institution. For the MA to PsyD program, applicants are required to have a master's degree in the field of counseling psychology, educational psychology or clinical social work with an emphasis in psychology. Other degrees may qualify and will be reviewed during the admissions process. The master's degree must be from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA or higher. The master's degree must also include a component of the student receiving a minimum of 20 personal therapy hours and 20 group sessions; otherwise, CO-619 Counseling Process, will be required in the PsyD coursework.
2. MMPI testing must be completed. Psychological testing at the students' expense (may be waived in certain instances).
3. A three-page personal essay addressing reasons for pursuing graduate studies in psychology and brief statement about clinical experiences and counseling philosophy.
4. Complete a personal interview with the Dean of Behavioral Sciences or authorized Behavioral Science faculty.
5. Submit for evaluation a writing sample (minimum of 5 pages). Based on assessment of writing, department faculty or dean may recommend successfully completion of RS-502 Graduate Research and Writing in APA Style before unconditional acceptance into the PsyD program is granted.
6. For the MA to PsyD program, students must pass the Behavioral Science entrance exam with a minimum score before being fully accepted. Minimum score will be described to student prior to taking the exam. For the PsyD program, the student will take the exam after completing the MA coursework and before taking the PsyD coursework with the same minimum score required to start the PsyD coursework.

### Best Practices Seminar

One content area that is emphasized by the licensing board (California Board of Behavioral Psychology) is Law and Ethics. SCS offers the "Best Practices" seminar yearly that addresses this important discipline. The Best Practices Legal and Ethical Seminar is required for all PsyD students. Online students will participate via live streaming online.

### Taylor Study Method (TSM)

The PsyD degree is integrated with the innovative learning program, Taylor Study Method. There is a minimum annual fee charged to students beginning with their first course and occurring the same time each year until graduation. Each course includes an integration of

relevant key concepts from the field of psychology through this supplemental learning program which incorporates memory tools, licensing preparation, audio and visual tools, and more through an innovative online learning format. Participation in TSM is mandatory for all students and a point value for participation is given in each course. TSM offers the student an effective way to retain more information of what is considered the most important concepts in psychology as well as offers the school valuable measurable learning outcomes for accreditation purposes.

### CAMFT Membership and Insurance

All PsyD students will be required to maintain CAMFT (California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists) membership and participate in a blanket insurance coverage while a student at SCS. There is an added fee paid by the student to CAMFT for membership and SCS will require proof of membership. SCS will charge the student the fee for insurance, typically around August of each year. This is a protection to the school, student and wherever the student conducts therapy. Students will also have access to CAMFT lawyers during normal business hours through their CAMFT membership.

### Bilingual (Korean/English) Program

All courses offered in the PsyD program are taught in a bilingual (Korean/English) format geared toward the Korean population. When registering for a bilingual course, the course numbers are followed by the BK suffix, for example, CO-501BK Counseling Theory 1.

### MA to PSYD Graduation Requirements

Each candidate for the PsyD degree must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete 99 units of advanced psychology courses, biblical integration, dissertation, and emphasis requirements with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
2. Complete the 9 units of master's level biblical foundation courses. These courses may be taken prior to or concurrently with the doctoral studies.
3. Students will be required to take 6 units of undergraduate course work in psychology and in abnormal psychology if needed.
4. Complete and demonstrate mastery of research in a specific area of psychology. The capstone requirements in the PsyD program include the dissertation and its oral defense before the doctoral committee and other invited clinicians and professionals by the February before commencement.
5. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity and competency. A quorum of at least four Behavioral Science faculty (including the Dean) must agree to recommend the student for graduation.

### Curriculum Distribution - MA to PsyD

<b>Graduate Counseling Psychology Core – 54 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
CO-501	Counseling Theory 1	3
CO-505	Human Growth and Development	3
CO-506	Counseling Techniques	3
CO-507	Crisis and Suicide Risk Intervention	3
CO-508	Psychopathology	3
CO-509	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
CO-515	Counseling Theory 2	3
CO-516	Law and Professional Ethics in Counseling	3
CO-608	Research and Program Evaluations	3

CO-611	Cross-cultural Mores and Values	3
CO-612	Approaches to the Treatment of Children	3
CO-613	Ethics of Sexual Care and Human Sexuality	1
CO-614	Alcohol and Substance Abuse	3
CO-615	Child, Spousal/Partner Abuse	2
CO-617	Psychological Testing and Application	3
CO-618	Group Counseling	3
CO-619	Counseling Process	1
CO-620	Dependent Adult, Elder Care, and Aging	2
CO-625	Advanced Case Management	3
CO-774	Psychopharmacology	3

**Advanced Psychology Core Courses – 15 units** Units

PY-811	Advanced Psychosocial Basis of Behavior	3
PY-813	Advanced Legal and Professional Practices	3
PY-815	Advanced Crisis Response and Intervention Techniques	3
PY-818	Psychology of Multicultural and Ethnic Diversity	3
PY-781	Systems of Integration and Intervention	3
CO-619	Counseling Process 1 ( <b>only if not fulfilled previously</b> )	1
PY 807	Advanced Psychological Testing 1 (optional)	3

**Research and Dissertation – 18 units** Units

PY-805	Dissertation Research and Statistical Methodology	3
PY-905	Dissertation Research 1: Chapter 1 Development (TR)	3
PY-910	Dissertation Research 2: Literature Review (TR)	3
PY-915	Dissertation Research 3: Methodology & Instrumentation Dev. (TR)	3
PY-920	Doctoral Dissertation (TR)	3
PY-921	Dissertation Completion / Extension	3
RS-502	Graduate Research and Writing in APA Style (optional)	3

**Biblical Foundations & Integrations \* – 9 units** Units

BC-600	Faith Integration and Praxis	3
BH-207	Inductive Bible Study	3
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3

**Area of Emphasis – 12 units** Units

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*\*Applicants who have not completed the prerequisite biblical foundation courses at Southern California Seminary are encouraged to take the above courses concurrently with their doctoral courses.*

**MA to PsyD Total 108 units**

**Bilingual (Korean/English) Program**

All courses offered in the PsyD program are taught in a bilingual (Korean/English) format geared toward the Korean population. When registering for a bilingual course, the course numbers are followed by the BK suffix, for example, PY-801BK Advanced Psychodiagnostics and Assessment.

**PSYD Graduation Requirements**

Each candidate for the PsyD degree must meet the general graduation requirements and:

1. Complete a minimum of 45 units of advanced psychology courses, biblical integration, and dissertation requirements with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
2. Complete 9 units of master's level biblical foundation courses. These courses may be taken prior to or concurrently with the doctoral studies.
3. Each student may be required to take additional prerequisite psychology courses contingent on previous coursework or degree.
4. Complete and demonstrate mastery of research in a specific psychology topic. The capstone requirements in the PsyD program include the dissertation and its oral defense before the doctoral committee and other invited clinicians and professionals by the February before commencement.
5. Be recommended by the faculty based on demonstrated moral integrity and competency. A quorum of at least four Behavioral Science faculty (including the Dean) must agree to recommend the student for graduation.

**Curriculum Distribution – PsyD**

<b>Advanced Psychology Core Courses – 27 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PY-811	Advanced Psychosocial Basis of Behavior	3
PY-813	Advanced Legal and Professional Practices	3
PY-815	Advanced Crisis Response and Intervention Techniques	3
PY-818	Psychology of Multicultural and Ethnic Diversity	3
PY-781	Systems of Integration and Intervention	3
CO-619	Counseling Process 1 ( <b>only if not fulfilled previously</b> )	1
PY-807	Advanced Psychological Testing 1 (optional)	3
<b>Research and Dissertation – 18 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PY-805	Dissertation Research and Statistical Methodology	3
PY-905	Dissertation Research 1: Chapter 1 Development (TR)	3
PY-910	Dissertation Research 2: Literature Review (Chapter 2) (TR)	3
PY-915	Dissertation Research 3: Methodology & Instrumentation, and Analysis (Chapter 3) (TR)	3
PY-920	Doctoral Dissertation (TR)	3
PY-921	Dissertation Completion / Extension (TR)	3
RS-502	Graduate Research and Writing in APA Style (optional)	3
<b>Biblical Foundations &amp; Integrations* – 9 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
BC-600	Faith Integration and Praxis	3

BH-207	Inductive Bible Study	3
BH-501	Hermeneutics	3

<b>Area of Emphasis – 12-19 units</b>	<u>Units</u>
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*\*Applicants who have not completed the prerequisite biblical foundation courses at Southern California Seminary are encouraged to take the above courses concurrently with their doctoral courses.*

**PsyD Total 54—69 units**

**PsyD Emphasis Curriculum Distribution**

Students will declare at least one area of emphasis from the following concentrations: (1) Psychology (no emphasis), (2) Educational Psychology, (3) International / Multicultural Psychology, (4) Industrial / Organizational Psychology, and (5) Multiple Psychology emphases.

*Psychology (no emphasis)*

The emphasis in Psychology provides students with the unique integration of psychology and theology to impact individuals, families, and communities.

<b>Psychology (No Emphasis) – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
PY-801	Advanced Psychodiagnostics and Assessment	3
PY-803	Advanced Therapeutic Interventions	3
PY-809	Advanced Physiological Psychology	3
PY-817	Principles and Practice in Case Supervision	3

*Industrial/Organizational Psychology Emphasis*

The emphasis in Industrial and Organizational Psychology prepares students in applying psychological theory in the workplace, which offers graduates the opportunity to work in a variety of settings ranging from management consulting to human resource management.

<b>Industrial/Organizational Psychology Emphasis – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
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I/O-850	Organizational Psychology & Executive Consultation	3
I/O-805	Personnel Psychology	3
I/O-810	Leadership Development & Strategic Planning	3
PY-819	Advanced Psychology of Work Motivation & Performance	3

*International & Multicultural Emphasis*

The International and Multicultural emphasis prepares students in the application of multicultural concepts to psychology and mental health.

<b>International &amp; Multicultural Emphasis – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
IM-805	International Psychology & Social Justice	3
IM-810	Mental Health Consideration in International Communities	3
IM-820	Current Issues in Intercultural Studies	3
IM-850	Advanced Multiculturalism Studies & Ethnography Project	3

*Educational Psychology Emphasis*

The Educational Psychology emphasis prepares students in applying educational psychology concepts such as educational leadership and curriculum development.

<b>Educational Psychology – 12 units</b>		<u>Units</u>
ED-802	Educational History & Philosophy	3
ED-803	Cognitive and developmental Psychology	3
ED-804	Teaching, Learning, and Assessment	3
ED-805	Instructional Design & Curriculum Development	3

*Multiple Psychology Emphases*

Students who opt to add more than one emphasis will be required to complete all the courses in each of those emphases.

**On Campus Intensives for Online Programs**

All of the PsyD courses are available online as well as on-site. Students have the option of interchanging courses between online and on-site.

## Course Descriptions

The courses for all academic programs are listed below in alphanumeric order. Unless otherwise noted, courses are presented in module format and 3-unit courses. Graduate core courses repeat every year and **all other required courses repeat within two years**. To identify an online course, add the lowercase letter “o” to the alpha-numeric code. Courses are listed in code order, not category order. For undergraduate students, it is recommended that lower division courses (100-200 series) be taken during the first two years of study and upper division courses (300-400 series) during the third and fourth years.

### Apologetics

#### AP-201      Apologetics and Evangelism

Students will be introduced to a biblical view of apologetics, basic apologetic strategy, and how this mandate relates to evangelism. Students will also look at the evangelistic task and develop a biblical framework for presenting the Gospel to non-Christians.

#### AP-505      Apologetics and Christian Evidences

An examination of the biblical and philosophical basis for making a rational defense of the Christian faith. This course is designed to assist students in communicating the basic concepts of their faith in an intellectual manner. The study involves an overview of various apologetic methods, the nature of truth, historical knowledge, archaeology, prophecy, and Old Testament morality.

#### AP-603      Naturalism and Supernaturalism

An overview of naturalism and Christianity, this course delves into the core tenets of naturalism, its claims, core justifications for naturalism, and objections to supernaturalism. The course then moves on to defend Christian supernaturalism by looking at the possibility of miracles, the life of Jesus within human history, and a historical and biblical defense of the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

### Biblical Counseling

#### BC-501      Theological Foundations of Counseling

This course is designed to equip the student with a working understanding of the theological foundations for biblical counseling. Topics include a study of the major areas of theology related to God, Humanity, Sin, and Salvation, and how they impact the practice of Christian counseling in various settings.

#### BC-504      Marriage and Family Counseling

An interactive study equipping the student with the skills to provide sound biblical counsel to married couples. Emphasis is placed on developing a biblical understanding of marriage and family, with attention given to areas of specialization including divorce, remarriage, reconciling differences, and parenting issues.

**BC-508 Crisis Counseling**

An interactive study equipping the student with the skills of crisis intervention. Emphasis is placed on crisis counseling from a biblical perspective, applying biblical principles, understanding the process of crisis intervention including the crises of depression, spousal abuse, suicide, death, divorce, ministering to children in crisis, adolescence, using Scripture and prayer, and confidentiality and privileged communications.

**BC-510 Fundamentals of Christian Counseling**

An interactive study equipping the student to understand major theological and methodological issues pertinent to providing Christian counseling. Students will gain competency in relying in the sufficiency of Scripture as they formalize their philosophy of counseling (listening, bringing about change, choosing goals, etc.) and will address common themes of problems seen in pastoral counseling.

**BC-515 Conflict Resolution**

An interactive study equipping the student with a theological and practical understanding of the dynamics relating to resolving conflict in the church, on the mission field, and in ministry organizations. Topics include self-awareness, boundaries, conflict prevention, conflict management skills, mediation and resolution. A final peace-making project will focus on practical application of key course themes and topics as well as encouraging critical self-reflection focusing on a personal area of development in the student's life.

**BC-600 Faith Integration and Praxis**

The goal of this course is to provide a strong foundation in faith integration, learning, and practice related to effective biblical counseling and practice. In this course we will seek to create a theological and philosophical context and conceptual framework necessary for making the connections between biblical truth, human nature, and counseling practice. While professional practice requires training in the latest techniques, theories, and research, a constant priority is to integrate sound Christian theology in helping counselors to integrate clear, well-formulated biblical principles into their counseling techniques. In this class we will explore the major views on the relationship between psychology and Christianity, provide a brief survey of the history of Christians and psychology, and identify sound biblical principles related to counseling theory and practice.

**BC-651 Christian Counseling Practicum**

This course is designed to consider the practical application of the principles of Christian counseling learned throughout the MACC program; with attention given to methodological aspects of the counseling process. This course will include student participation in ten unique case studies and seven counseling sessions related to the student's current ministry practice. These activities will form the basis of cohort discussions where counseling will be analyzed from a biblical perspective. The goal of the counseling practicum is to help the student learn, evaluate, and sharpen practical counseling skills under the supervision of professors, along with weekly interaction with class peers. *Prerequisites 9 units of Counseling, plus BC-508. Trimester.*

## Biblical Hermeneutics

### BH-103 Biblical Interpretation

A study of the principles governing the consistent application of the normal grammatical- historical method of biblical interpretation. In this course the grammatical-historical method is contrasted with the allegorical method of interpretation. The course includes theory and practical application of the hermeneutical science. Symbols, figures of speech, and types are discussed. The relationship of interpretation to application is presented.

### BH-207 Inductive Bible Study

A practical examination of study methodologies intended to equip students with the skills necessary for drawing meaning out of the text through inductive Bible study. The course focuses on the importance of identifying context, literary genre, and authorial intent. The student will interact with the biblical text and become familiar with using English-language tools and biblical aids for methodical Bible study.

### BH-501 Hermeneutics

A study of principles of the literal, historical, and grammatical method of interpretation, with the application of those principles in interpreting biblical passages. Attention is also given to the significance of hermeneutics in the broader context of inductive Bible study involving the steps of observation, application, and correlation.

### BH-505 Methods of Inductive Study

An introductory course to inductive Bible study methods centering on the hermeneutical steps of observation, interpretation, application through the lenses of the text's history, literature, and theology. These interpretive principles are applied to several biblical genres and books with the goal of increasing in one's biblical literacy. *3 units.*

### BH-801 Advanced Hermeneutics

This course explores hermeneutical theories and principles which have been developed by the leading biblical scholars including historical, philosophical, linguistic, theological, and biblical issues related to the discipline. Special attention will be given to hermeneutical issues relating to biblical genres such as narrative, poems and prophecy, the New Testament use of the Old Testament, contextualization, and the contemporary relevance of Scripture. *Prerequisite: BH-501 and BH-505. Trimester.*

## Biblical Languages

### BL-301, 302 Elementary Greek 1, 2

A study of the basic elements of *Koine* Greek, including vocabulary, accidence, and syntax. The student will learn to read simple passages in the Greek New Testament. Completion of Elementary Greek I and II prepares the student for Intermediate Greek. *Trimester.*

### BL-351, 352 Elementary Hebrew 1, 2

A study of basic phonology, morphology, and syntax of biblical Hebrew. Selected passages from the Hebrew Old Testament will be read and translated. *Trimester.*

**BL-401, 402            Intermediate Greek 1, 2**

The student continues the study of *Koine* Greek, including additional vocabulary, review and amplification of grammar, syntax, translation and diagramming. During the second trimester the student is introduced to the principles of exegesis, which are applied to selected parts of the Greek New Testament. *Prerequisites: BL-301 and 302, or equivalent. Trimester*

**BL-451, 452            Intermediate Hebrew 1, 2**

The student continues the study of biblical Hebrew, including additional vocabulary and an emphasis on syntax and translation. *Prerequisites: BL-351 and 352, or equivalent. Trimester.*

**BL-501, 502            Elementary Greek 1, 2**

A study of the basic elements of *Koine* Greek, including vocabulary, accidence, and syntax. The student will learn to read simple passages in the Greek New Testament. Completion of Elementary Greek I and II prepares the student for Intermediate Greek. *Trimester.*

**BL-551, 552            Elementary Hebrew 1, 2**

A systematic study of the basic grammatical elements of biblical Hebrew, including introduction to the Hebrew language, pronunciation, practice in writing, review of English grammar, vocabulary, and full investigation and application of the Hebrew verb system. The student learns to translate selected passages in the Hebrew Old Testament. *Trimester.*

**BL-601, 602            Intermediate Greek 1, 2**

The student continues the study of *Koine* Greek, including additional vocabulary, review and amplification of grammar, syntax, translation and diagramming. During the second trimester the student is introduced to the principles of exegesis, which are applied to selected parts of the Greek New Testament. *Prerequisites: BL-501 and 502, or equivalent. Trimester.*

**BL-651, 652            Intermediate Hebrew 1, 2**

The student continues the study of biblical Hebrew, including additional vocabulary, review and amplification of grammar, syntax, and translation. During the second trimester the student is introduced to the principles of exegesis, which are applied to selected parts of the Hebrew Old Testament. *Prerequisites: BL-551 and 552, or equivalent. Trimester.*

**BL-701, 702            New Testament Exegesis 1, 2**

The student exegetes the various genres of the NT with the goal of application for teaching and preaching. The course focuses on developing exegetical skills through understanding the New Testament's use of the Old Testament, conditional clauses, participles, prepositions and refinement of knowledge in textual criticism. Additionally, the student studies contemporary issues in NT Greek. *Prerequisites: BL-601 and BL-602. Trimester.*

**BL-751, 752            Old Testament Exegesis 1, 2**

An introduction to the philosophy, preparation, and praxis of Old Testament exegesis. *Prerequisites: BL-651 and BL-652, or equivalent. Trimester.*

**BL-801                Greek Review**

This course is designed for those students who have previously taken Greek but need to refresh their understanding of the language. The review will cover an overview of Greek grammar, syntax, and

the general exegetical procedure to help student deal with the full-fledged exegetical research of Greek text in the Th.M program. *Credit/No credit. 2 units.*

**BL-812          Advanced Greek Exegesis**

Application of exegetical method to selected texts of the Greek New Testament based on the principles of grammatical-historical hermeneutics including generic distinctions, word studies, textual criticism, synthetic outlining, etc. The study will also examine issues relating to the historical development of various critical methods advanced by NT scholarship. *Prerequisite BL-701 and BL-702. Trimester.*

**BL-851          Hebrew Review**

This course is designed for those students who have previously taken Hebrew but need to refresh their memory. The review will cover an overview of Hebrew grammar, syntax, and the general exegetical procedure to help student deal with the full-fledged exegetical research of Greek text in the Th.M program. *Credit/No credit. 2 units.*

**BL-862          Advanced Hebrew Exegesis**

A genre-specific exegetical analysis of selected passages from the Hebrew OT with the application of grammatical-historical hermeneutical principles and exegetical procedure and disciplines including word studies, textual criticism, synthetic outlining, etc. This course also explores various forms of Old Testament criticism which have been developed by the leading OT scholars. *Prerequisite BL-751 and BL-752. Trimester.*

## **Christian Education**

**CE-401          Principles of Teaching**

This course provides the student with an introductory understanding of teaching and learning that integrates a Biblical perspective and practical application. Topics to be addressed include exploring a basic framework for effective teaching and learning, explaining the characteristics of different learning styles, identifying key teaching and learning principles that encourage active, engaged, and effective student learning, and exploring one's own learning experiences and level of development.

**CE-506          Teaching Dynamics**

A transformative application of dynamic teaching methodologies where the student will learn how to teach with life-changing impact and effectively communicate biblical truth through active learning, communication, emotion, motivation, and real-life assignments.

**CE-507          Fundamentals in Christian Education**

A study of the educational ministry of the local church, with attention to history, philosophy, aims, principles, leadership, organization, and agencies of a biblical program for all age-groups.

**CE-511          Principles of Stewardship**

This course is an exploration of biblical texts related to the personal use of money and possessions with the outcome of leading students to develop a biblical world view of money that translates into a way of life. Attention will be placed on practical implementation of biblical financial principles in the students' life development and vocation. Topics to be covered: materialism and spirituality, honesty, giving, counsel, saving, investing, debt, credit, work and eternity.

**CE-512 Leadership in Christian Education**

A study of the biblical principles and practices of the effective leadership in Christian education with attention to making strategic plans, devising curriculum, recruiting and training teachers, evaluating educational programs, and relating to students and parents.

**CE-807 Faith, Scholarship, and the Role of the Teacher**

An investigation into the intersecting dimensions of faith, scholarship, and the role of the teacher with an emphasis on teaching methodologies for both the church and educational settings. The practice of Christian education goes hand-in-hand with the purpose of the Gospel ~ to instruct people in the ways of God, both in theory and in practice, promoting an authentic knowledge of Christ and his work. This course aims to provide a comprehensive and integrated understanding of Biblical perspectives on teaching and learning. Included are such topics as surveying the historical and philosophical ideas that guide educational theory and practice; creating theoretical frameworks for evaluating and developing effective courses of study in different educational settings; writing instructional objectives; and the formation of educational goals, content, motivation, and evaluation in teaching and learning. *Trimester.*

**CE-920 History and Philosophy of Christian Education**

This course provides a comprehensive survey of the major historical and philosophical ideas that guide and shape educational theory and practice. The emphasis of the course is four-fold: first, to explore the impact and contribution of various philosophical positions on educational practices through an historical and biographical overview; second, to examine the key philosophical views pertaining to the goals and methods of education and learning; third, to become acquainted with some of the major current themes and issues in education through representative authors; and fourthly, to define a substantial and sustainable philosophy of Christian education. The focus throughout will be on critically engaging and formulating a foundational and rigorous framework, that can guide effective Christian educational programs and processes. *4 units.*

**CE-930 Teaching, Learning, and Assessment**

The ultimate purpose of education is student learning. This course will explore the academic enterprise through an examination of the teaching-learning experience in the context of Christian education. Effective Christian teachers employ specifically designed instructional strategies that facilitate the active integration of cognitive, affective, and behavioral dimensions of learning, while promoting the development of Christian thought, life, and practice in the context of authentic Christian care and community. Emphasis will be placed on curriculum design, identification of student learning outcomes, effective teaching methodologies, course development and delivery, academic engagement, and outcomes assessment. *4 units.*

## Communication

**CM-101 Communication Skills**

This course explores the various models of interpersonal communication and will enable students to develop their own communication skills. The different models and methods of communication will be covered. This course is designed to help students improve their communication in both personal and professional contexts.

**CM-910 Christian Perspectives on Understanding and Communication**

This core course is designed to provide the student with a comprehensive foundation in Christian understanding and communication that incorporates key areas of Christian thought and practice including: The authority and inspiration of Scripture, Systems of Hermeneutics and Theology, Contemporary Theology, Biblical Discipleship and Spiritual Maturity. The emphasis throughout is on developing firm personal awareness and convictions, as well as developing skills in effectively communicating well-formulated biblical truth and principles to others. *4 units.*

## **Counseling**

**CO-331 Counseling Theories and Techniques**

This course is designed to acquaint students with different theories and techniques for counseling. Students will review foundational counseling theories and practice basic counseling skills and techniques that have proven to be effective in a variety of settings.

**CO-332 Legal and Professional Issues in Counseling**

This course is designed to introduce students to California law and ethics related to counseling practices. Various counseling ethical dilemmas, statutory, regulatory and case laws will be reviewed.

**CO-501 Counseling Theory 1**

This is a comprehensive view of the various counseling theories in use today. The course utilizes both text and practical application through a series of questions in the student workbook. The course not only exposes the student to the various theories of counseling, but enables the student to think through the role of the therapist and apply theory and techniques to simulated cases. Special emphasis is placed on empirically validated theories, techniques that may be used with diverse people groups, how the theories may be used with families, and an evaluation of the theories compared to a recovery model philosophy.

**CO-504 Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy**

This course is designed to teach various perspectives of family structures, functions, social systems, including analysis and evaluation of intimacy and communication, along with methods of intervention and therapy for emotional and dysfunctional problems within relationships. This course is meant to give a deeper understanding of the common systems theories of marriage and family therapy and students are expected to demonstrate competency in assessing clients from a systems perspective and apply systems theory to treatment, including recognizing culture, societal status and other systems that may impact therapy.

**CO-505 Human Growth and Development**

The life span from conception through dying and death, including the physical, mental, social, cultural, and moral development, is profoundly important in understanding why people behave the way they do. Foundational work in developmental theories and the relationship between the person and his or her family, employment, church life, and other influential systems are considered. This study provides an understanding of the development of the cognitive, affective, social, moral, and spiritual factors of the human pilgrimage and how these will impact marriage and family.

**CO-506      Counseling Techniques**

A study of and practice in the skills and methods that are proven to be effective in counseling a variety of people groups. Emphasis is placed on practicing the skills in class through live “mock” sessions, including basic counseling skills as well as specific therapeutic intervention techniques for individuals, couples and families. Emphasis is placed on understanding the client’s current life situation, such as age, culture, family, social status, work situation etc., in deciding what technique would be most appropriate to further client/family potential and health. This Credit / No Credit, competency-based course and students must successfully complete this course to continue on with their degree program. If a student receives a “no credit,” he or she must wait a minimum of six months before retaking and availability of the course may vary.

**CO-507      Crisis and Suicide Risk Intervention**

This course is designed to educate the student with the nature and dynamics of crisis and suicide risk situations. Emphasis is placed on training in prevention, assessment, detection and intervention principles and procedures, dealing with disorders such as Traumatic Stress Disorder, suicide ideation, and other related disorders and disasters. Students will learn how to minister and engage clients in crisis with needed and helpful resources in the community in diverse populations.

**CO-508      Psychopathology**

A study in the etiology, assessment, diagnosis and treatment of specialized disorders found in the current edition of the DSM, which include, but is not limited to, stress and adjustment disorders, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, somatoform and dissociative disorders, eating disorders, personality disorders, substance abuse disorders, sexual variants, schizophrenia and cognitive disorders. A review of the various theories of viewing and defining pathology is included, as well as current statistics of the prevalence, differential diagnosis, comorbidity of various disorders and the impact of society, culture, socioeconomic status, family background, and other systems. Emphasis is placed on a recovery model, demonstrating hope and potential in all clients.

**CO-509      Premarital and Marital Counseling**

A course designed to review the essential elements in effective premarital, marital, and couples counseling. An understanding of the spiritual, personal, relational, and emotional dynamics in marriage and intimate relationships is foundational to thorough preparation and successful intervention. This class includes training in effective assessment and intervention tools for premarital and marital counseling and reviews the well-known and empirically-validated theories and techniques used in working with couples. This course also reviews the Biblical foundation of marriage and how this may affect healthy, satisfying relationships. Emphasis is placed on viewing relationships from a systems perspective, considering culture, family background, socioeconomic status, educational level and more when working with couples.

**CO-515      Counseling Theory 2**

This course is designed to deepen the student’s knowledge and application of effective theories for counseling, emphasizing the various family systems theories. The student will demonstrate the ability to choose and implement appropriate marriage and family theories and techniques to a variety of counseling situations and diverse people groups. The student will also demonstrate the ability to apply theory to case conceptualizations and treatment plans, appropriate to the client’s culture and value system.

**CO-516 Law and Professional Ethics in Counseling**

This course is designed to teach California law and professional ethics for marriage, family, and child counselors, including specialized topics, such as, drug/alcohol counseling, domestic violence cases, child custody issues and more. Also included are statutory, regulatory, and case laws which relate to the counseling practice; therapeutic, clinical, and practical considerations; family law; legal patterns and trends; counselor/client privilege; confidentiality; and the practitioner's sense of self, values, and behaviors. Managing countertransference and other ethical dilemmas are also reviewed.

**CO-608 Research and Program Evaluation**

This course emphasizes the theoretical and practical applications of the available body of research in marriage and family therapy as well as the place of research on psychotherapy in general. It provides the student with an introduction to a variety of qualitative designs, statistical measures, conclusions, and provides basic skills in program evaluations.

**CO-611 Cross-cultural Mores and Values**

This course is an examination of cross-cultural mores and values of a wide range of racial and ethnic groups and the impact these mores and values have on the counseling setting. Specific attention is given to the African American, Hispanic, Asian, Middle Eastern and Native American cultures, as well as cultures chosen by the student to be emphasized. Subcultures will also be addressed, such as, mentally-ill, physically disabled, elderly, drug/alcohol population, religious affiliations, sexual orientation and other groups that have set beliefs and values with which they identify. Emphasis is placed on the student recognizing any biases or prejudices that may interfere with effective counseling, learning how to connect well with clients from diverse backgrounds, learning how to create a safe and comfortable environment for all clients, and knowing resources and empirically supported treatments for the diverse cultures, ethnicities, and people groups represented in California. The role of counselor beliefs and values in the counseling session will also be addressed, as well as reviewing the personal qualities of a therapist needed for effective therapy with diverse people groups.

**CO-612 Approaches to the Treatment of Children**

This course is a study of the theories, assessment tools, diagnostic criteria, and treatment procedures used to effectively counsel children and adolescents. Students will have hands-on experience with various techniques used with children and adolescents, such as, games, play therapy tools, etc. Emphasis is placed on empirically-validated tools that have been shown to be effective with this population, trauma-informed therapy, as well the impact other systems have on therapy with children and adolescents (such as, culture, gender, family background, socioeconomic status, religion, school, etc.).

**CO-613 Ethics of Sexual Care and Human Sexuality**

This course is a study of ethical, cultural, social, and biological relationships of sexuality and an assessment of the techniques for treatment of sexual dysfunction. A Biblical view of sexuality is reviewed as well as the scientific research provided in the area of human sexuality. Students will review client vignettes to demonstrate ability to assess, diagnose, and prepare a treatment plan for various sexual issues. Emphasis is also placed on viewing clients from a systems perspective and recognizing the impact of culture, domestic violence, family background, past trauma, sexual identity, gender, socioeconomic status etc. on human sexuality. An analysis of the recovery model of therapy will be applied to sexual dysfunctions. *1 unit*

**CO-614 Alcohol and Substance Abuse**

Students will analyze the various types of addictions, treatments, and recovery techniques that are used in standard practice, and identify intervention techniques that are used with the subculture of those involved in substance abuse. Topics include the addiction process, effects on the family, and phases of treatment. Students will learn the characteristics for the common substance abuse disorders and the common, empirically-validated theories and techniques used. Students will also review the impact of culture, past trauma, family background, gender, socioeconomic status and other systems impacting the detection, recognition and treatment of various addictions. Analysis of the recovery model for addictions will be addressed and the students will interact with the various treatment opportunities and professionals in their community.

**CO-615 Child, Spousal/Partner Abuse**

This course is a survey of laws and regulations, as well as accepted practices, in the area of child, spousal/partner abuse assessment, intervention, and reporting. The student will compile a binder of resources for abuse victims in San Diego and will learn how to connect people with the resources in their community. Students will learn effective tools to help victims of abuse recover and live as survivors as well as how various systems (such as, culture, family background, gender, society, socioeconomic status, etc.) impact the conceptualization and treatment of victims of abuse. Trauma-informed therapy and prevention techniques will also be addressed. *2 units.*

**CO-617 Psychological Testing and Application**

Students will learn procedures of evaluating and assessing behavior and personality (interests, academic, aptitude, psychological and relationships) by means of objective and projective techniques. Students will learn how to interpret test results and write an evaluation in a professional manner. Students will also evaluate the cultural appropriateness of various assessment tools, as well as how to include the client or family's culture, background, religion, socioeconomic status, and other systems in the assessment, diagnosing and treatment plan procedures.

**CO-618 Group Counseling**

This is a course in understanding the theories, practice, psychodynamics, stages and ethics of group counseling. Education will include both general group practices as well as the specific topics of domestic violence groups, drug/alcohol groups, anger management, adolescent group therapy, trauma groups, bereavement groups, and other common topics using group therapy. Students will also evaluate personal attributes that could help or hinder group facilitation, as well as the impact of clients' culture, gender, socioeconomic status, family background etc. in the group process. Students will demonstrate a competence in the practice of group counseling with a variety of group topics and people groups.

**CO-619 Counseling Process 1**

Students will complete twenty sessions (40 hours) of group counseling and twenty sessions (20 hours) of individual personal counseling. The purpose of counseling process is to foster health and awareness in student and to address topics such as, personal qualities, burn out, strengths and limitations, skills for healthy living, countertransference issues, and more. Students may choose to conduct group counseling with their program cohorts or choose another therapy group to attend. Students may choose their own therapist for their individual counseling requirement. The therapist conducting the group and individual counseling and signing the verification form must be a licensed clinician. *1 unit; Credit/No-credit; 3 trimesters.*

**CO-620      Dependent Adult, Elder Care, and Aging**

This course emphasizes the social and personal requirements of senior citizens and dependent adults who need assistance with daily activities and health care, and who desire and deserve to live and age with dignity. Students will review legal concerns designed to protect dependent and elderly adults. Students will also recognize recent statistics with these populations, for example, suicide, intimacy, HIV, substance abuse, domestic violence, trauma, and more. It is an important emphasis that the design of personal living, services, activities, employee training, and health care delivery truly be consumer-centered. Students will review the impact of culture, gender, family background, socioeconomic status, and other systems on dependent adults, elder care, and aging. *2 units.*

**CO-621      Assessment Techniques of MFT Clinical Practice**

Students will learn procedures of evaluating and assessing behavior and personality (interests, academic, aptitude, psychological and relationships) by means of objective and projective techniques. Students will learn how to interpret test results and write an evaluation in a professional manner, as well as how to integrate assessment and testing results into individual, marriage and family therapy treatment. Students will evaluate various assessment procedures and tools in relation to culture, gender, age, and other mediating variables affecting the choice and use of effective assessment procedures.

**CO 625      Advanced Case Management**

This course is design to acquaint the student with the elements of case management and systems of care for individuals and families' comprehensive health needs to promote quality, cost-effective outcomes, through collaboration of treatment, assessment and evaluation, planning and facilitation of available resources car coordination and advocacy.

**CO-771, 772, and 773      Counseling Practicum 1, 2, and 3**

This is the capstone project for the MACP program. Students will participate in a supervised practicum in applied psychotherapy techniques, assessment, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of premarital, family and child counseling, including experience in low-income and multicultural mental health settings. Students spend a minimum of 75 hours per practicum course (250 hours total) in face-to-face experience within the scope of the practice of marriage and family therapy. Out of the 250 hours, a maximum of 75 may be from client advocacy as defined by the CA Board of Behavioral Sciences. Students are required to discuss counseling cases with instructors in a supervised setting and to demonstrate competency in the counseling situations. Students who complete at least 50 hours in CO-771 and CO-772 will receive credit and may continue on to CO-773 which must be repeated until the 250 mandatory hours are completed. Credit is given only when appropriate attendance, participation, counseling hours, and clinical skills have been demonstrated to the professor. *Credit/No-Credit. Trimester.*

**CO-774      Psychopharmacology**

This course is a study of the current use of pharmacology in the mental health field. It also covers psychotropic medications and their neurological impact, as well as alternative approaches to treatment, and the impact of co-occurring disorders on treatment. This course helps students understand how and why medications are prescribed in the medical community and the role of the therapist to communicate with medical professionals and advocate for the health of the client. This course will also address cultural implications, as well as the impact of family traditions, religion, socioeconomic status, social stigma, gender roles, and other systems on the ethical use of psychopharmacology in the mental health field. Emphasis will include a recovery model of mental

health, as well as how to initiate communication between medical practitioners, marriage and family therapists, and other client advocates.

### CO-777 Vocational Counseling

This course is designed to enhance one's counseling skills through informed vocational counseling of clients who may present with the need for help with career choices, and problems within the clients' work arena. The course also views the inherent problems associated with how people choose and manage careers, as well as how to adjust lifestyles, and apply interests and temperaments toward career choices. The student will be presented with assessment instruments such as vocational and interest tests. Job loss and sexual harassment issues will also be studied and discussed. An emphasis is placed on viewing vocational counseling within the context of the client's family background, current relationships, culture, socioeconomic status, and other impacting systems. *Elective.*

### CO-778 Practicum Continuance

Practicum Continuance is a 1-unit, elective, trimester, on-line course for those students who wish to continue gaining experience in their practicum internship, but who have already completed CO-771, 772 and 773. The professor of this course will provide consultation and direction for students as they are counseling clients at their Practicum internship. This class is not required for graduation and does not replace the requirements of CO-771, 772, or 773. This class is not required the MACP or MAMFT degrees unless the student is seeking the optional certificate offered through CAADAC. For those seeking the CAADAC certificate, 30 hours of clinical supervised hours must be completed in addition to the 250 hours gained through CO-771, 772, and 773. *1-unit. Elective. Credit/No-Credit. Trimester.*

## Educational Psychology

### ED-802 Educational History & Philosophy

This course provides a comprehensive survey of the major historical and philosophical ideas that guide and shape educational theory and practice. The emphasis of the course is on exploring the impact and contribution of various philosophical positions on educational practices through an historical and biographical overview, to examine the key philosophical views pertaining to the goals and methods of education and learning, and to become acquainted with some of the major current themes and issues in education through representative authors. The focus throughout will be on critically engaging and formulating a foundational framework that can guide effective educational programs and processes.

### ED-803 Cognitive and developmental Psychology

The course is a study of theories, concepts and models of human development, thought and emotion. Students examine all stages of life, focusing on development as the continuing reorganization of cognitive and psychological functioning. Students will integrate cognitive developmental processes within the stages of development and explore contextual factors that influence development. Topics include lifespan development, cognitive science, consciousness, perception, memory, motivation and performance, language development, reasoning, problem solving, intelligence, and creativity.

**ED-804 Teaching, Learning, and Assessment**

Effective teaching employs specifically designed instructional strategies that facilitate the active integration of cognitive, affective, and behavioral dimensions of learning, while promoting the development of thought, life, and practice. This involves developing formative and summative learning experiences as well as evaluative processes to assess key indicators and performance standards. Emphasis will be placed on the identification of student learning outcomes, effective teaching methodologies, course development and delivery, academic engagement, and outcomes assessment.

**ED-805 Instructional Design & Curriculum Development**

The course is a study on instructional design methods, principles of learning and strategic instructional decision-making processes that would contribute to effective instructional design, meet course objectives, and meet learners' needs. Students will examine learning tenets and their processes, examine learning principles in the selection and organization of course content, examine converting learning content into instructional material, and explore the effectiveness of instructional strategies including instructional materials and teaching style.

## **English**

**EN-101 English Composition 1**

An introduction to the writing process through narrative, expository, and persuasive forms of writing. Consideration will be given to the fundamentals of English grammar, rhetoric and composition and their application in effective written communication. This course focuses on the process of writing, from the prewriting to the first drafts to publication-ready final drafts. Emphasis is placed on writing skills needed for academic success.

**EN-102 English Composition 2**

A further development of clear writing and argumentation presented in EN-101. This course focuses on writing college level research papers and assignments. Students will learn the research process from concept to final draft, with emphasis on using proper sources and developing strong thesis statements and evidences for their position.

## **Fine Art**

**FA-101 Introduction to Fine Art**

A survey of Western art history including the study and criticism of painting, sculpture and architecture from ancient civilization to the present time; with an emphasis on the integration of a biblical perspective.

## **History**

**HI-104 Church History 1**

A survey of Christianity from Pentecost until the Reformation. Analysis of doctrinal and institutional development of the Church and its impact on theological thinking today.

HI-105 Church History 2

A survey of Christianity from the Reformation (1517) to the present. Analysis of radical and reform movements through Christianity and the influence of the modern church on secular movements.

HI-108 History of Music 1

A study of music in the Bible. The evolution of music from Israel until the xv century. *Seville campus only.*

HI-109 History of Music 2

A study of congregational music from the time of Luther until our days. *Seville campus only.*

HI-210 United States History

A survey of the history of the United States, from the colonial heritage and the founding of the republic to the Civil War and the emergence of the modern era from the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution to the fall of communism in 1989 and into the present.

HI-220 United States Government: Church and State

An examination of the role and responsibility of the Christian with respect to the affairs of the state. Consideration will be given to the influence of the Bible on the Founding Fathers and the framers of the Constitution. Additionally, the rights and limitations afforded by the first amendment will be analyzed against popular claims.

HI-505 Church History and Canonicity

A study of the historical development of the Christianity from the second century to the Modern era, with special emphasis on the development of canon and the issue of canonicity in the history of the church. *Prerequisite: RS-501. Trimester.*

## **Industrial/Organizational Psychology**

I/O-750 Principles and Foundations of I/O Psychology

Have you ever wondered how psychology applies to our lives at work? Industrial and organizational psychology applies concepts from psychology to address various workplace issues ranging from employee productivity and job satisfaction to facilitating change at an organizational level. The goal of this course is to understand how industrial and organizational psychology is used to address workplace issues. This course is designed to provide you with an introduction to industrial and organizational psychology and its different facets. Topics that we will cover during the module are an overview of I/O psychology, leadership in organizations, leadership theories, personality theory, diversity in the workplace, sexual harassment in the workplace, performance evaluations, motivation at work, teams, job attitudes, work-life balance, training and selection, and workplace justice.

I/O-800 Advanced Principles and Foundations of I/O Psychology

This course is an advanced survey course designed to enable students explore the application of industrial and organizational psychology principles to address various workplace issues ranging from employee productivity and job satisfaction to facilitating change at an organizational level. Students will examine topics from both the industrial side and the organizational side of I/O Psychology. Students will learn the major theories in I/O psychology in the areas of personnel psychology, leadership, motivation, job characteristics, and organizational behavior. Students will

have the opportunity to learn and implement I/O psychology principles through case studies, research, and projects. Students will learn and demonstrate their ability to conduct research and a brief literature review on a topic of interest by the end of the module.

### **I/O-805 Personnel Psychology**

This course is designed to enable students explore the application of industrial and organizational psychology principles to human resources. Students will examine topics such as: job design, job analysis, employee selection, job placement, training, and employee development. Students will also explore the topics of performance appraisals, performance management, and legal and ethical considerations in human resources. Students will have the opportunity to learn and implement personnel psychology principles through case studies, research, and projects. Students will learn and demonstrate their ability to conduct research, a brief literature review, and utilize a personnel selection test battery on an organization of choice by the end of the module.

### **I/O-810 Leadership Development and Strategic Planning**

This course is designed to enable students explore the application of leadership principles and strategic planning to address challenges experienced by leaders of an organization. Students will learn to differentiate between leaders and managers. Students will examine leadership theories such as leader-member exchange theory and transformational leadership. Students will learn the process of strategic planning and how it is used to achieve organizational goals. Students will have the opportunity to learn and implement leadership and strategic planning principles through case studies, research, and projects. By the end of the module, students will learn and demonstrate their ability to conduct a strategic planning project using tools such as a PEST analysis and SWOT analysis.

### **I/O-850 Advanced Organizational Psychology & Executive Consultation**

This course is designed to enable use performance indicators to make data and research driven suggestions in an organization's change management process. Students will learn to apply analytical procedures such as survey analysis to collect data on a variety of job and organization performance indicators such as job satisfaction, role conflict, and turnover intent. Students will learn consultation skills relevant to the field of I/O.

### **I/O-911 Executive Consultation and Program Evaluation Internship**

This course is designed to enable students apply the principles that they learned during the I/O emphasis at an internship. Students will learn consultation skills relevant to the field of I/O. Students will learn to apply analytical procedures such as survey analysis to collect data on a variety of job and organization performance indicators such as job satisfaction, role conflict, and turnover intent. Students will use performance indicators to make data and research driven suggestions in an organization's change management process. 4 units

## **International & Multicultural Psychology**

### **IM-805 International Psychology & Social Justice**

This course is a study of a variety of procedures and concerns specific to integrating social justice practices into professional, community, and personal life. The advances in scientific analysis of human social behavior with regards to understanding and interacting with the foundational principles and influences is important to social problems. The student will learn about amnesty, corporate malfeasance, issues of multinational corporate accountability and transparency, cultural

development, policies and international cooperation, including political, economic and environmental issues, human rights concerns, economy, trade, globalization, poverty, environment and health related issues.

#### IM-810 Mental Health consideration in international communities

the course intent is to increase student self-awareness related to mental health issues in international communities. Students will have a wide range view about how attitudes towards mental health vary among individuals, families, ethnicities, cultures, and countries. The course intent is to increase awareness related to diversity issues such as prejudices, biases, stereotypes, discrimination, and privilege of diverse cultural groups as it relates to Mental Health. Therefore, understanding individual and cultural beliefs about mental illness is essential for the implementation of effective approaches to mental health care.

#### IM-820 Current Issues in Intercultural Studies

This course is designed to enable students explore current issues in today's multicultural society. Students will examine the impact of race, ethnicity, and culture on their identity and life circumstances. Students will have the opportunity to learn and implement cultural psychology principles through case studies, research, and projects. Students will learn and demonstrate their ability to identify and describe the relationship between culture and its impact human relationships.

#### IM-850 Advanced Multiculturalism Studies & Ethnography Project

This course is designed to enable students explore advanced topics and issues in an increasingly multicultural and global society. Students will apply ethnography principles and concept to explore specific human culture in order to systemically document behaviors, and interactions of the social and cultural life of the group studied.

#### IM-911 International Multicultural Internship Project

The diverse multicultural environment provides an excellent framework for cultural diplomacy to be practiced on a daily basis within the office as well as outside of the office. One of the main privileges afforded by the project is to work and visit in a young, interdisciplinary and international environment, which serves as a model of successful multiculturalism in practice. The experience of learning to work together in a multicultural and international organizational environment is a rare, unique and a rewarding common experience. A service learning work experience is intended to help students to gain knowledge and professional skills in their field of studies and reflect the various -isms discussed in course.

## Leadership

#### LS-509 Servant Leadership

A study of the principles of servant leadership discovered from the biblical text. Students develop a personal plan to apply biblical principles and requirements for leadership in ministry. This study includes the principles of spiritual leadership discovered from the biblical text. Students develop a personal plan to apply biblical principles and requirements for leadership in ministry. A self-evaluation of the student's current role and leadership style are completed.

#### LS-920 Understanding Nonprofit Leadership

Even though the local church or religious nonprofit organization is not in "business" per se, it is still a business--the Lord's business. Pastors and Christian leaders generally feel equipped to deal

with biblical studies, theological questions, preaching responsibilities, and pastoral care. But when it comes to budgets, insurance, fire safety, and church administration many find themselves at a loss. Often lay leaders and volunteers within the organization also struggle with these duties as well. The course is designed as an overview of the numerous managerial responsibilities and financial matters Pastors / Leaders in the local church or religious nonprofit organizations face every day. Topics covered include managing personnel, managing finances, and managing facilities. *4 Units.*

**LS-930      Leading through Adversity and Change**

Organizational change is inevitable, and any significant transformation involves psychological transitions that create “people issues” because it is the people rather than the organization that must embrace the new situation and carry out the corresponding change. These “people issues” often result in conflict that requires resolution. This course will explore the change management processes organizations must go through to make the change initiatives work and develop a practical theology for conflict resolution. *4 Units.*

## **Mathematics**

**MA-120      Mathematics for General Education**

Topics in this course include logic, modern algebra, probability, statistics and computer math, designed to give students a brief introduction to the structure of mathematical theories and their application.

## **Missions**

**MI-101      Introduction to World Missions**

An introduction to the biblical teaching and principles related to the world-wide spread of Christianity. Special attention is given to the role and impact of the church on cultures of third-world countries and on traditionally non-Christian cultures. Cross-cultural and strategic dimensions of missions and evangelism are discussed.

**MI-201      History of Christian Missions**

An analysis of the development, spread, and social impact of Christianity as a worldwide religious and social movement. Consideration is given to instrumental figures and key factors which helped shaped the missionary movement over the centuries. Includes an examination and critique of those issues affecting missions today, such as religious pluralism and ethnotheology, contextualization and indigenization.

**MI-507      Theological Foundations of Missions**

A study of the biblical and theological basis for missions including the meaning and purpose of missions, missions agencies and their relationship with local churches, and trends and needs of missions.

**MI-611 & MI-612 Intercultural Field Study 1 & 2**

This course is the practicum part of the MAIS program. It is intended to be related to MI-651 Ethnography Project and prepares the student for it by providing the practical aspects and the necessary data. In this course, the student selects a cultural group that differs from his/her native culture for the purpose of introducing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and making disciples among members of the target culture. The student ministers in that cultural group via evangelism, discipleship, teaching or preaching. In addition, there will be a focus on the theoretical aspect of cross-cultural ministries via selected books and articles. The same target cultural group will be the focus of MI-651. The student must take MI-611 and MI-612 Intercultural Field Studies 1 and 2 consecutively. *Each course is 1 trimester and 3 units.*

**MI-651 Ethnography Project 1**

This course is the first phase of the capstone project for MAIS candidates that reflects the acquired knowledge and familiarity of a target culture group that differs from the student's own native culture. This project is intended to reveal specific strategies which evidence the student's research and first-hand observations into a chosen culture and/or language group, with the express goal of introducing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and making disciples among members of the target culture. Under the supervision of an advisor, the student produces and presents a thesis of not fewer than 12,000 words on an approved culture group [50 pages not including bibliography]. Once a student has completed ethnography project 1, the student must then register for ethnography project 2. *Trimester. 2 units.*

**MI-652 Ethnography Project 2**

This course is the second phase of the capstone project for MAIS candidates that reflects the acquired knowledge and familiarity of a target culture group that differs from the student's own native culture. This project is intended to reveal specific strategies which evidence the student's research and first-hand observations into a chosen culture and/or language group, with the express goal of introducing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and making disciples among members of the target culture. Under the supervision of an advisor, the student produces and presents a thesis of not fewer than 12,000 words on an approved culture group [50 pages not including bibliography]. *Prerequisite: MI-651. Trimester. 2 units.*

## Music

**MU-201 Music in Worship**

A study of the impact of music in worship with an emphasis on authentic biblical worship and the fundamentals of church music theory including leading corporate worship.

## Natural Science

**NS-110 Introduction to Natural Science**

This course offers an overview of the academic discipline of science including its historical development, its reliance on the scientific method and inductive logic, and foundational concepts from the life and physical sciences. The development of the theories of origins, including evolution, will be critically examined.

**NS-203      Scientific Models of Origins**

This course presents an examination of the scientific evidences related to origins from astronomy, physics, geology, chemistry, mathematics, and biology. Intelligent design and naturalistic evolution are critically analyzed.

**NS-510      Fundamentals of Natural Science**

This course offers an overview of the academic discipline of science including its historical development, its reliance on the scientific method and inductive logic, and foundational concepts from the life and physical sciences. The development of the theories of origins, including evolution, will be critically examined.

## **New Testament**

**NT-218      New Testament Survey 1: Gospels and Acts**

An overview of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ during His first Advent, as seen in the synoptic Gospels and John. Special attention given to the historical-cultural background, distinctive purposes and biblical theology of each Gospel as well as the major teachings and miracles of Jesus. An overview of the birth and growth of the early church and its missionary outreach, as revealed in the book of Acts. Emphasis will also be given to the relationship between The Gospels and the Book of Acts and their practical applications for personal life and ministry.

**NT-219      New Testament Survey 2: Pauline Epistles and Hebrews**

A study of the Epistles of Paul emphasizing exegetical and expositional analysis of 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. Emphasis is placed on the historical-cultural background, main purposes, and biblical theology of each book, as well as relevant applications to life and ministry. Romans will be studied separately.

**NT-220      New Testament Survey 3: General Epistles and Revelation**

A study of the General Epistles emphasizing exegetical and expositional analysis of Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, and 3 John, Jude, and Revelation. Emphasis is placed on the historical-cultural background, main purposes, and biblical theology of each book, as well as relevant applications to life and ministry.

**NT-245      Analysis of Romans**

A study of Paul's Epistle to the Romans with an emphasis on the great theological themes of the sinfulness of man, justification by faith, and sanctification through the Holy Spirit. Additional consideration is given to the dispensational aspects of Israel and the Church in chapters nine through eleven and the ethical duties of the Christian in chapters twelve through sixteen.

**NT-349      Inductive Study of Ephesians**

An application of inductive Bible study methods and tools to discover the truths of Ephesians such as its major theme, broad outline, distinctive features, biblical theology, historical-cultural background and the study of specific words. *Prerequisites: BH-103 and BH-207.*

**NT-506      Gospels and Acts**

An introduction to the unique portraits of Jesus Christ and the apostles is presented in this analysis of the five historical books of the New Testament (Matthew—Acts). This course will include an

introduction to key features of the interpretation of each Bible book, including literary form, historical backgrounds, composition, authorship and distinctives of each book. Includes application and assessment of the insights for the contemporary church.

**NT-507 Pauline Epistles and Hebrews**

A study of the Pauline Epistles and Hebrews, with emphasis on the historical background, genre, themes, structure, biblical theology, and application of these books.

**NT-512 General Epistles and Revelation**

A study of the General Epistles (James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, and 3 John, Jude) and Revelation, with emphasis on the historical background, genre, themes, structure, biblical theology, and application of these books.

**NT-601 Analysis of Romans**

An analysis of the Epistle to the Romans noting the historical situation, date and argument of the book, with emphasis on significant theological issues. Special emphases are given to the dispensational aspects of Israel and the church in chapters nine through eleven. *Prerequisites: RS-501, BH-501, and BH-505.*

**NT-660 Analysis of Revelation**

An analysis of the book of Revelation noting the historical situation, date and argument of the book, with emphasis on the connection to the book of Daniel.

**NT-814 Selected Study in the NT: John**

An expositional study of the Gospel of John in its historical, literary, and theological settings with attention paid to issues relating to the book's author, date, destination, structure, themes, and its contemporary significance. This course includes exegetical analyses of select passages, as well as surveys of the interpretive history and impact of critical scholarship on John. *Prerequisites: BH-501, BH-505 and BL-602. Trimester.*

**NT-824 Selected Study in the NT: Galatians**

An expositional study of the Epistle to the Galatians in its cultural and historical settings, with attention to the issues relating to the book's date, destination, structure, theme, theology, and its contemporary significance. This course includes an exegetical investigation of selected passages of Galatians. *Prerequisites: BH-501, BH-505 and BL-602. Trimester.*

## Old Testament

**OT-203 Old Testament Survey 1: Pentateuch**

A study of the first five books of the Old Testament (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) with an emphasis on God's redemptive plan, creation, fall, flood, nations, key persons, and dealings with the children of Israel. Special attention given to God's creation of the nation of Israel and His covenants with her.

**OT-205 Old Testament Survey 2: Historical Books**

A study of the Historical Books of the Old Testament (Joshua—Esther), including the unique purpose, distinctive features and biblical theology of each book. An emphasis on God's plans for

time and eternity through the nation, Israel. Special attention given to how heroes of the faith impacted their culture for God's glory, and the applications for present-day believers.

**OT-207 Old Testament Survey 3: Poetical Books**

A study of the Poetical Books of the Old Testament (Job—Song of Solomon). Emphasis is on Old Testament wisdom and worship literature.

**OT-209 Old Testament Survey 4: Prophetical Books**

A study of the Major and Minor Prophetical Books of the Old Testament (Isaiah—Malachi). Emphasis is on messianic prophecies and how heroes of faith impacted their culture.

**OT-301 Analysis of Genesis**

An analysis of Genesis including key events such as creation, fall, flood, nations, and key persons such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

**OT-327 Analysis of Daniel**

An analysis of Daniel, emphasizing the character development and the eschatological themes of the Gentile nations and the seventy weeks of Daniel. Included is a discussion of specific prophecies that deal with the Greek empire after Alexander. Attention is given to the literary structure, biblical theology, and application to modern-day culture.

**OT-511 Old Testament 1: Genesis–Judges**

A study of the Pentateuch and Judges with emphasis on the historical and cultural background, structure, genre, themes, theological implications, and application of these books.

**OT-512 Old Testament 2: Ruth–Song of Solomon**

A study of the historical books (1 Samuel through Esther) and of the poetic books (Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon), with emphasis on the historical and cultural background, structure, genre, themes, theological implications, and application of these books.

**OT-513 Old Testament 3: Prophets**

A study of the pre-exilic, exilic, and post-exilic prophetic books (Isaiah through Malachi) with emphasis on the historical and cultural background, structure, genre, themes, theological implications, and application of these books.

**OT-821 Selected Study in the OT: Isaiah**

An expositional study of the Book of Isaiah in its historical setting, with attention to its literary genre, its structure, the development of its themes and theology, and its contemporary significance. The student will conduct an exegetical investigation of selected passages of Isaiah. *Prerequisites* BH-801, BL-651 and BL-652. *Trimester*.

## **Philosophy**

**PH-101 Introduction to Philosophy**

An analysis of the foundations of philosophical thought. The emphasis will be on the main branches of philosophy: metaphysics, epistemology, logic and ethics in light of Christian thought and the life of Jesus Christ.

**PH-501      Logic and Rhetoric**

This course provides in-depth study of formal logic geared towards quality argumentation. Biblical examples of critical thinking and rhetoric are analyzed as well. Attention will be given to critical analysis and recognition of logical fallacies in the arguments of non-biblical worldviews as well as to effective Christian argumentation.

**PH-503      History of Philosophy and Worldviews**

This course provides an overview of philosophy and worldviews in relation to Christian apologetics. The biblical and philosophical basis for a rational defense of the Christian faith will be examined. An overview will be given on the historical development of philosophy, including the major figures, ideas, and worldviews.

**PH-507      Christian Ethics and Leadership**

An analysis of qualities and practices of Christian leadership based on biblical principles including an examination of the interrelationship between biblically based Christian ethics and leadership with attention to devising a personal philosophy of servant leadership.

**PH-601      Epistemology and Metaphysics**

Central to all discourse, and therefore challenges to the Christian faith, is understanding both epistemology (knowledge) and ontology (metaphysics). Students will analyze various epistemological views covering topics such as skepticism, justification for belief, the nature of truth, and religious knowledge. Additionally, key metaphysical issues will be analyzed including personhood, association and identity, and substance dualism.

**PH-803      History of Christian Philosophy**

This course explores important facets of Christian philosophy from the early church through the modern era, tracing the issues relating to religious knowledge, the problem of evil, and ethics. *Prerequisite PH-503. Trimester.*

## **Practical Ministry**

**PM-100      Spiritual Disciplines**

A study of the spiritual disciplines that promote Christian growth including Bible intake, prayer, journaling, worship, evangelism, serving, stewardship, solitude, learning, and perseverance.

**PM-103      Spiritual Leadership**

Principles of spiritual leadership are discovered from the biblical text. Students will develop a personal plan to apply biblical principles and requirements for leadership in ministry. A self-evaluation of the student's current role and leadership style will be completed.

**PM-201      Biblical Discipleship**

A study and application of the principles and practices of personal incarnational ministry to individuals and small groups.

PM-301      Biblical Preaching

A practical course designed to help the student understand the principles and practice of preparing a message and its delivery. Research, organization, and file procedures enable the student to prepare for various speaking opportunities in Christian service.

PM-307      Principles of Stewardship

This course explores biblical texts related to the personal use of money and possessions with the outcome of leading students to develop a biblical world view of money that translates into a way of life. Attention will be placed on practical implementation of biblical financial principles in the students' life development and vocation. Topics to be covered: materialism & spirituality, honesty, giving, counsel, saving, investing, debt, credit, work and eternity. *Required of students receiving aid.*

PM-311      Introduction to Pastoral Ministry

A study of the skills needed in pastoral leadership emphasizing team leadership principles, relational skills, and group dynamics. This study includes principles of pastoral leadership, diagnosing church growth, a principles for casting vision.

PM-451, 452   Ministry Internship 1, 2

A supervised, directed ministry experience for students in their specific area of interest and skill. This includes practical training in the local church, mission field, or school, working in the areas of counseling, teaching, church leadership, and evangelism. This course is taken during the senior year of studies. *Credit/No-Credit. Trimester. 1 unit.*

PM-471      Ministry Internship

A supervised, directed ministry experience for students in their specific area of interest and skill. This includes practical training in the local church, mission field, or school, working in the areas of counseling, teaching, church leadership, and evangelism. This course is taken during the senior year of studies. *Credit/No-Credit. Trimester.*

PM-501      Personal Evangelism

An introduction to the oral presentation of the gospel to the individual, including personal spiritual preparation for the task. Biblical foundations and demands for evangelism provide the basis of study. This includes the biblical basis of evangelism, a brief history of evangelism, and various aspects of a perennial program of evangelism in the local assembly of believers. Particular emphasis is given to discipleship and church growth.

PM-505      Spiritual Growth and Discipleship

An examination of the biblical and theological foundations for Christian discipleship as the manifestation of the student's spiritual maturity. Students explore and practice spiritual disciplines and learn to apply the biblical principles of discipleship as they are being led by Christ.

PM-511      Spiritual Disciplines

A transformative study and practice of the spiritual disciplines that have been practiced by God's people since biblical times to promote Christian growth including Bible intake, journaling, prayer, worship, evangelism, serving, stewardship, silence, and solitude.

**PM-602 Pastoral Ministry**

A study of the pastor and the ministry. The course includes a study of the pastor's personal life, study, and pastoral duties, including presiding over the ordinances, weddings, funerals, and church services. This course is designed to assist those called into shepherding ministries to become strong, effective leaders. Competent ministerial leadership requires knowledge of the church and the community in which it is located. It facilitates relating with a diverse population, and a spiritual life that is alive and flourishing. Students examine the many facets of effective pastoral leadership to enhance personal leadership competency. *Optional for PM-771 and 772.*

**PM-701 Homiletics 1**

A basic study of homiletical theory and the practical skills of expository preaching. Attention will be focused on identifying and articulating the central propositions of the text and the sermon along with the outline structures and contemporization of the sermon. Writing exegetical papers and sermon manuscripts will be an integral process in the student's development of communication skills. The student will present sermons orally before the class and be evaluated. *Prerequisites BH-501, BH-505, RS-501, BL-501, BL-502, BL-551, BL-552. Trimester.*

**PM-704 Homiletics 2**

An advanced study of homiletical theory and skills for writing and delivering expository sermons. Attention will be focused on refinement of the student's homiletical skills and will include sermons for special occasions. The student will select challenging texts/topics subject to approval by the professor for exegesis, exposition and presentation. Selected and approved texts will include narrative, poetic and prophetic genres and topical/theological sermons. The student will be expected to prepare a one year preaching calendar for anticipated use in a local church. The student will present sermons orally before the class which will be video recorded and will be evaluated. *Pre-requisite: PM-701. Trimester.*

**PM-751, 752 Ministry Internship 1, 2**

Supervised, directed ministry experience for students in their specific areas of interest and skill. This includes practical training in the local church, cross-cultural mission field, or school, working in the areas of counseling, teaching, church leadership, and evangelism. This course is taken during the last year of studies and may be repeated. *Credit/No-Credit. Trimester. 1 unit.*

**PM-771 Ministry Internship**

Supervised, directed ministry experience for students in their specific areas of interest and skill. This includes practical training in the local church, cross-cultural mission field, or school, working in the areas of counseling, teaching, church leadership, and evangelism. This course is taken during the last year of studies and may be repeated. *Credit/No-Credit. Trimester.*

**PM-915 Text Driven Exposition**

This core Bible exposition course focuses on teaching homiletics as a text-driven, exegetical process aimed at equipping and edifying congregations and creating deep understanding and appreciation for the Word of God. Sermon study and preparation from the text of Scripture, understanding of biblical genres, ancient cultural and geographical backgrounds, hermeneutical considerations, and more will be covered in depth. Students will learn to prepare biblically sound and theologically rich sermons from the text, across the whole Word of God. *4 Units.*

**PM-925 Teaching Theology from the Pulpit**

In many churches expository preaching lacks deeper theological exploration and instruction. This course will instruct students further on developing biblical theologies to integrate into expository preaching. Students will focus on identifying core theological themes in Scripture as a whole, as well as the overarching theological themes prevalent in many individual books of the Bible. Additional time will be spent studying ways to integrate theological study and reflection into churches in addition to preaching. *4 Units.*

**PM-950 Current Issues and Praxis**

This core course is included in each track and is taken during the third year of the Doctor of Ministry program. Based on the student's selected degree track, this course provides a guided exploration and analysis of key theoretical and methodological issues that relate to current issues within their chosen field of research. This course includes a mentoring component as the student participates in specific areas of applied field work. *4 units.*

## **Psychology**

**PY-101 General Psychology**

A general introduction to the broad field of psychology, covering topics such as perception, learning, personality, psychopathology, counseling, psychological and developmental psychology. An emphasis on application of specific interpersonal skills required to build and maintain relationships. This course includes integration of a biblical perspective of these topics. *Pre-requisite for MFT and MACP degrees.*

**PY-405 Abnormal Psychology**

This course reviews the history and gives an introduction to the therapeutic theories of psychopathology as well as an overview of psychological concepts. Primary disorders such as mood disorders and other psychotic disorders will be explored from the American Psychiatric Association's DSM-IV. *Pre-requisite for MFT and MACP degrees.*

**PY-781 Systems of Integration and Intervention**

This course prepares the student to formulate a biblical approach to and understanding of counseling theory and technique based on a Christian philosophy of life and practice. The student learns the skill of knowing how and when to integrate Biblical truth into the counseling process. The course also addresses the ethics of values in therapy and the understanding of what it means to be a Christian psychotherapist.

**PY-801 Advanced Psychodiagnostics and Assessment**

This course emphasizes specific assessment tools and techniques for advanced differential diagnosis of various pathological syndromes and disorders found in the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. The course focuses on observational data and clinical interviews to measure psychological functioning. It examines social psychology, objective and subjective assessment tools, symptomology, prognosis, treatment recommendation in professional psychological reports, and case conceptualization. *Formerly: Psychodiagnostics and Assessment.*

**PY-803 Advanced Therapeutic Interventions**

The student develops enhanced clinical skill drawing upon contemporary challenges and review of clinical theory. This course encompasses current empirically-validated intervention techniques

employed by practitioners of different models. The content prepares students to conduct treatment of clients within the borderline spectrum, affective disorders, substance abuse, anxiety and stress disorders, eating disorders, developmental disabilities, personality disorders, neuropsychological conditions and other diagnosis from the current version of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual*. This is a credit/no credit course and minimum doctoral-level competency must be demonstrated. This course is not offered in the online format, but must be completed in-person at an SCS campus. Online students will be given an opportunity to complete this course in an intensive format and will be responsible for arranging travel and accommodations to an SCS campus. Credit in this course must be attained for students to continue further in their PsyD program. If a student receives a “No Credit” for this course, he or she must wait a minimum of six months before retaking the course and availability of the course may vary.

#### PY-805          Dissertation Research and Statistical Methodology

This course is designed to provide the student with the methodological, statistical, descriptive and analytical tools for writing a dissertation, by providing a postgraduate understanding of critical thinking, logical fallacies, descriptive research, qualitative, quantitative, and combined methodologies. This course covers non-experimental research designs and surveys, quantitative inferential statistics, qualitative research, qualitative strategies, qualitative data analysis, mixed-method design, secondary data analysis, action research, concept analysis, historical research, and evaluation research and policy analysis. Students will practice using research strategies in statistics. Students will spend two-hour sessions in the library discussing research challenges and enhance the library research skills. The sessions will emphasize accurate data analysis and the use of statistical programs such as SPSS. An assessment of student writing skills will be administered at the beginning of the class to determine if any student should enroll in RS-502, Graduate Research and Writing in APA Style. In addition, student will develop a research topic for their dissertation. *Formerly: Dissertation Research and Statistical Methodology I*

#### PY-807          Advanced Psychological Testing 1

This course emphasizes the administration, evaluation, interpretation, and reporting of objective psychological testing. Tests include the MMPI, MBPI, Wechsler Intelligence Tests, Taylor Johnson and others.

#### PY-808          Advanced Psychological Testing 2

This course emphasizes the administration, evaluation, interpretation, and reporting of projective psychological testing. Tests include the Rorschach Inkblot, Thematic Apperception Test and others common, empirically-validated projective tests.

#### PY-809          Advanced Physiological Psychology

The student examines the relationship between organic processes and various aspects of human behavior. This course focuses on reviewing major research findings in physiological psychology, neuropsychology, and related disciplines. Specific topics include the understanding of perceptual and neurological processes of behavior, memory, learning, and emotional regulation.

#### PY-811          Advanced Psychosocial Basis of Behavior

This course offers an understanding of how society and multicultural forces influence behavior and prognosis. The student examines the individual’s perception of and reaction to other people and social influences. Topics such as attitude formation, prejudice and discrimination, conformity, obedience, cooperation, and conflict reduction are explored. *Formerly: Psychosocial Basis of Behavior*.

**PY-813      Advanced Legal and Professional Practices**

The student develops understanding in laws and business practices in quality health care management. The course content is designed in response to the APA and California Board of Psychology legal standards. Topics include relevant court decisions, involuntary hospitalization, suicide assessment consultation, supervision, and other relevant legal topics.

**PY-815      Advanced Crisis Response and Intervention Techniques**

Students are trained and equipped to respond professionally to crisis situations. They will advance their understanding of networking with local and national agencies. Students preparing to participate in local, national, and international crisis-response teams will receive a Pastoral Crisis Intervention certificate presented by CISM (Critical Incident Stress Foundation), upon successful completion of the course. A nominal fee is charged for this certification. This course covers acute emergency treatment and longer-term mental health intervention following a crisis or trauma, for both groups and individuals. *Formerly: Crisis Response and Intervention Techniques.*

**PY-817      Principles and Practices in Case Supervision**

This course covers supervision and training related issues including dynamics of in-patient, aftercare, and day treatment; private practice, consultation, and other relevant contemporary issues regarding internship training. Included is training in the effective business practices for private practice and other business organization for psychologists and psychotherapists.

**PY-818      Psychology of Multicultural and Ethnic Diversity**

This course is a study of a variety of procedures and concerns specific to counseling in multicultural and international communities. The student will learn to contribute to the psychological understanding of subjects related to culture, and ethnicity as well as ethics through theory and community propelled research. These subjects may consist (but not all conclusive) of developmental processes, relationships within the family system, inner circle relations, mental health and well-being, education/employment, treatment and intervention.

**PY-819      Advanced Psychology of Work Motivation & Performance**

The course is designed to enable students examine topics such as: work motivation, job design, job analysis, employee selection, job placement, training, and employee development. Students will also explore the topics of performance appraisals, performance management, and legal and ethical considerations in human resources

**PY-905      Dissertation Research 1: Chapter 1 Development**

The objective of this course is to prepare the student for the dissertation project by selecting an appropriate topic, developing a draft review of the literature, forming meaningful research questions, selecting a researchable group, describing data collection methodology, and analyzing journals and dissertations on that topic in the area of psychology and mental health services. Students will spend two three-hour sessions in the library learning the library research process including how to select databases, search and locate information, and evaluate results. Students will write a comprehensive outline of Chapter 1 and a preliminary literature review for Chapter 2 of their dissertation. At the conclusion of this course, students will submit a dissertation topic and rationale for the topic to the IRB committee for review and approval. *Trimester. Formerly: Dissertation and Research Statistical Methodology 2.*

**PY 910**      **Dissertation Research Development 2: Literature Review(Chapter 2)**  
The objective of this course is to support students with clarification and focusing on research objectives as well as support them through the process of writing a literature review. Students will deepen their understanding of a quality research process, evaluating the quality of current research, identifying what their research could add that is missing from current studies, identifying the relevance of their research with a biblical worldview, and the strategies for organizing and writing a quality literature review. This course requires students to submit chapter 1& 2 to the committee to review and approve. Prerequisite: PY-805 & 905. *Trimester.*

**PY-915**      **Dissertation Research Development 3: Methodology,  
Instrumentation, and Analysis (Chapter 3)**

This course is designed to support students in selecting and developing the research instrument and procedures. This course also addresses data collection, and statistical analysis for dissertation research. Students will prepare a comprehensive outline of chapter 3 dealing with methodology and instrument testing. Students will gain further understanding of conducting quantitative, qualitative and mixed-method research. In addition Student will submit research documents to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for review and approval. Prerequisite: PY-805, 905, & 910. *Trimester.*

**PY-920**      **Doctoral Dissertation**

The Dissertation Project is one of two capstone projects in the Psy.D program (along with Doctoral Internship) and consists of the student completing clinically focused, qualitative research, compiled in the form of a dissertation. This course is designed to support students through the process of selecting a topic, conducting a literature review, focusing research objectives, developing the research instrument and procedures, compiling and reporting research data, presenting conclusions and giving recommendations for action or further study. The Dissertation Project class is divided into four stages; Stage 1: Chapter Two, Stage 2: Chapter One, Stage 3: Chapters Three and Four, and Stage 4: Chapter Five. The Dissertation Project Coordinator must approve all stages before giving credit for this course. Once a student enrolls in PY-920, he or she must be continuously enrolled in this course until all stages have been approved and credit for the course has been granted. Students will receive a NC for this course if they have not completed all requirements before the last day of the trimester and will be enrolled in the course again the following trimester. It is expected that the student will take approximately one to two years to complete his or her dissertation, but it is possible for the student to finish PY-920 within one trimester or take up to five years to complete this course. The student will have five years from the date first enrolled to complete this class; otherwise, the student will remain ABD (All But Dissertation) and will not be awarded the doctoral degree. *Trimester.*

**PY-921**      **Dissertation Completion**

The dissertation completion course consist of supporting the student in finalizing all chapters of the dissertation and compiling the dissertation into a complete form. (Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5). The student then defends the dissertation before a select panel and must pass the defense, complete any recommendations, and bind the dissertation before receiving credit for this course. The requirements of this course must be complete and credit given before a student is eligible to walk at the commencement ceremony. Once enrollment in the dissertation sequence has begun, a student must register each trimester until the dissertation is completed. Prerequisite: PY- 915. *Trimester.*

## Religion

### RE-403 World Religions

A study of the cultural background, historical development, main tenants, and worldviews of the major present-day non-Christian religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and secularism. The doctrines of each religion will be analyzed in light of the absolute truth of the Scriptures. Strategies to establish a Christian witness to the uniqueness of Christ are developed.

### RE-405 Islamic Studies

An examination of the Islamic faith. Time will be given to the history and culture of Islam in order to prepare students to share their faith and develop a ministry that can reach out to Muslims. Topics covered will include the life of Mohammed, the history, growth and culture of Islam, along with the doctrines of its major divisions. A portion of the course will be devoted to a brief look at the Koran (Qur'an-[Ar.]) and Koranic (Qur'anic) literature. The main focus will be on Islamic perspective and worldview.

### RE-407 Survey of the Cults

A survey of the historical roots, development, doctrines, leading personalities, and practices of major religious cults in America such as Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, and New Age. The course also provides a biblical response to the cults and suggests approaches for presenting the historic Christian faith to the members of such groups.

### RE-607 Christianity and World Religions

This course provides an overview of the history, beliefs, and practices of the major world religions from a Christian worldview. Attention will be given to comparison of the different religions with Christianity and their competing truth claims. Modern views of the relationship between Christianity and the world religions, such as universalism and pluralism, will also be examined.

### RE-608 Contemporary Religious Movements

An analysis of religious movements within contemporary American Christianity, tracing their emergence from their historical and philosophical roots to their current theological and ecclesiological implications. These movements will be evaluated in light of Scripture in order to provide the student with the appropriate tools to judiciously understand and critique their impact on the Church today.

### RE-609 Islamic Studies

An examination of the ideological basis of Islamic faith. Attention will be given to the history, doctrine, and culture of Islam. Topics include the life of Mohammed, the development of Islamic religion, and the doctrines of its major divisions along with the brief overview of Koran and Koranic literature.

## Research and Thesis

### RS-100 Critical Thinking and Writing

This course explores the elements of good reasoning while providing the student with the tools necessary for critical thinking and writing. It prepares students for practical and methodical use of effective reasoning, and encourages them to engage critically with scholarship and argumentation while preparing them for all future course work.

**RS-401 Tools for Research in Theology**

This course is designed to teach students the appropriate methods for doing theological research and providing them with the ability to utilize a variety of tools in their theological research. Emphasis is placed upon finding and evaluating the tools available to scholars, as well as instruction on how to do proper research. *1 unit.*

**RS-402 Tools for Research in Ministry**

This course is designed to teach students the appropriate methods for doing research for various types of vocational ministry as well as providing them with the ability to utilize a variety of tools in their research. Emphasis is placed upon finding and evaluating the ministry tools available, with a focus on digital and web-based tools, as well as instruction on how to do proper research. *1 unit.*

**RS-451 Biblical Summary 1**

A written production and defense of a student's understanding of biblical theology that reflects the BABS curriculum. The undergraduate Doctrinal Summary is a capstone project that comprises statements made on each corpus of Scripture, as revealed progressively in the Protestant canon. In this first trimester the first six major themes in the biblical narrative will be presented. *Prerequisites: TH-204, BI-103, OT-105, OT-203, OT-207, OT-209, TH-220, TH-300, and NS-203. 2 units. Trimester.*

**RS-452 Biblical Summary 2**

A continuation of the written production and defense of the student's own doctrinal summary, including statements of the ten major themes in the biblical narrative. In this second trimester the last four biblical themes will be presented. *Prerequisites: NT-218, NT-219, NT-22, NT-245, TH-220, TH-300, PM-100, and RS-451. 2 units. Trimester.*

**RS-501 Graduate Research and Writing**

A course designed to equip the student to research, write, and format (using Turabian style) a graduate level argumentative research paper. This course is intended to prepare students for the subsequent research papers and thesis required in the Bible and Theology programs. The course covers the research process, library research including using reference collections, library catalogs, research databases, and the internet, as well as, the development of an argument, and basic writing and revision techniques.

**RS-502 Graduate Research and Writing in APA Style**

A course designed for students to strengthen their APA (American Psychological Association) writing skills. Students will be recommended for this course after being administered a writing assessment on appropriate research methodology, APA style writing, theses and dissertation format. Recommended students must successfully complete this course before proceeding with their dissertation. Other students may optionally take this course.

**RS-791 Thesis Writing**

This course is the capstone project for MABS and MAPA candidates that reflects a student's biblical knowledge, research and writing skills and application of the tools of biblical interpretation as related to the principle subject matter of their degree program. Under the supervision of an advisor, the student produces and presents a thesis of not fewer than 12,000 words on an approved topic [50 pages not including bibliography]. Once enrollment in the thesis sequence has begun, a student must re-register in this class after every two trimesters until the thesis is completed. *3 units. Credit/No Credit. 2 trimesters.*

RS-795      Doctrinal Summary 1

As the first phase of the capstone project for the M.Div, this course provides students with an opportunity for the writing of a summative research paper on the major areas of Christian doctrine in preparation for ordination and professional ministry. Under the supervision of the advisor, the student writes the first half. Once enrollment in this doctrinal summary phase has begun, a student must re-register in this class until the first phase is completed before moving on to the final doctrinal summary phase (RS-796). *Prerequisites: RS-501, BH-501, BH-505, HI-505, TH-508, TH-611, TH-612, TH-613, TH-614 2 units. Credit/No Credit. Trimester.*

RS-796      Doctrinal Summary 2

As the second phase of the capstone project for the M.Div, this course provides students with an opportunity for the writing of a summative research paper on the major areas of Christian doctrine in preparation for ordination and professional ministry. Under the supervision of the advisor the student prepares the rest of the chapters and defends the final product. Once enrollment in this doctrinal summary phase has begun, a student must re-register in this class after each trimester until this final phase is completed. *Prerequisites: RS-795 2 units. Credit/No Credit. Trimester.*

RS-801      Advanced Research and Writing Methodologies

This full day seminar is designed to guide students for writing their Th.M thesis and other scholarly papers in the various biblical and theological disciplines. It provides instruction in research methods, strategies, topic selection, and form and style of the papers and thesis. *1 unit.*

RS-891      Thesis Project 1

This course is the beginning of the capstone project for Th.M candidate through which the student produces an acceptable piece of research evidencing high degree of scholarly competence. After getting the thesis subject approved by the advisor, the candidate prepares a thesis proposal that is comprised of a tentative title, thesis statement, a prospectus (no more than six pages) that defines need, goals, literature review, and methodology of the research project, and a preliminary bibliography. The candidate's proposal must be graded B or better to receive credit for this course. Once enrollment in this thesis project phase has begun, a student must re-register in this class until the first phase is completed before moving to the final thesis phase (RS-892). *Prerequisites: BL-501, BL-502 and BL-601, BL-602 or BL-551, BL-552, and BL-651, BL-652. 2 units. Credit/No credit. Trimester.*

RS-892      Thesis Project 2

After the successful completion of RS-891 Thesis Project 1, the candidate completes the thesis under the guidance and supervision of the thesis advisor. After the advisor determines that the candidate's thesis is ready for defense, the student defends his or her thesis before the thesis committee. The student's thesis must be graded B or better to receive credit for this course. Once enrollment in this thesis project phase has begun, a student must re-register in this class after each trimester until this final phase is completed. Students have up to three years to complete the thesis from the time of their first enrollment to this course. *2 units. Credit/No credit. Trimester.*

RS-981      Applied Research and Mentoring Seminar 1

This is the first of three courses designed to prepare and assist the D.Min student through the applied research needed to successfully implement and complete their D.Min dissertation. The course provides an introduction and overview of the research process, addresses ethical considerations in academic research, and assists the D.Min student in choosing a dissertation topic, creating their

dissertation committee, and establishing the personal organization necessary for making consistent progress in the research and dissertation process. *2 Units.*

#### RS-982 Applied Research and Mentoring Seminar 2

This is the second of three courses designed to prepare and assist the D.Min student through the applied research needed to successfully implement and complete their D.Min dissertation. The course provides a guided process for the development of the dissertation Chapter Two Literature Review and Theological Framework, as well as the development of the dissertation Chapter Three Research Methodology. Guidance will be provided for creating the dissertation committee and facilitating the next steps for making consistent progress in the research and dissertation process. *Prerequisite: RS-991. 2 Units.*

#### RS-983 Applied Research and Mentoring Seminar 3

This is the third of three courses designed to prepare and assist the D.Min student through the applied research needed to successfully implement and complete their D.Min dissertation. The course provides continual overview of the data collection and analysis process, determining and articulating research findings, and necessary preparation for making consistent progress in the dissertation completion and defense process. This course may be repeated for maintaining continual enrollment in the Doctor of Ministry program facilitating the completion of the dissertation project. *Prerequisite: RS-992. 2 Units.*

#### RS-991 Dissertation Project 1

This is the first of three courses designed to assist and guide the DMin student through the writing and development of each section of their DMin dissertation. The goals of this course are to facilitate student progress on drafting the rest of Chapter One with special emphasis on the dissertation topic and research question. Additionally, preparation will begin on Chapter Two for conducting a review of related literature at the doctoral level. *Prerequisite: RS-981. 2. Units. Credit/No credit. Trimester.*

#### RS-992 Dissertation Project 2

This is the second of three courses designed to assist and guide the DMin student through the writing and development of each section of their DMin dissertation. The goals of this course are to facilitate student progress in the development and revision of chapters one, two, and three, along with the completion and submission of the required Institutional Review Board (IRB) document in order to receive approval to begin collecting data. Additionally, the student will be teamed up with a dissertation chair and, when possible, reader towards the end of this course. *Prerequisite: RS-982. 2 Units. Credit/No credit. Trimester.*

#### RS-993 Dissertation Project 3

This is the final course of three designed to assist and guide the DMin student through the writing and development of each section of their DMin dissertation. The goals of this course are to facilitate student progress in refining their dissertation topic and research question, refine chapters 1-4, and present a draft of chapter 5 all in conjunction with the chair and reader. Final grading for this course will include evaluation of dissertation quality and progress as determined and reported by the student's dissertation chair. *Prerequisite: RS-983. 2 Units. Credit/No credit. Trimester.*

## Science and Religion

### SR-551 Philosophy of Science and Religion

This course exams the philosophy of science and philosophy of religion. Regarding the former, an examination of various views of scientific methodology, the intersection of Christianity and science and the current trend of warfare between both are delved into. Regarding the latter, an examination of atheism and theism, arguments for and against God's existence, the problem of evil, and challenges to the role of philosophy are provided.

### SR-555 Creation and Evolution: The Bible, Sciences and Worldviews

This course provides a general overview of the major issues in the creation/evolution debate. Students should be equipped to understand the nature of the debate at the foundational level of competing worldviews and critically evaluate the biblical/creation and naturalistic/evolutionary worldviews. The major issues covered in this course are: the existence of a Creator God, arguments for cosmic, chemical, and biological evolution, the age of the earth, death and suffering, the global flood and geology, dinosaurs and the nature of evidence and science.

### SR-651 The Genesis Flood and the Geological Record

This course investigates the fundamental role that the Genesis Flood and the geological record play in the whole creation/evolution debate. The course will cover the historical background of the rise of uniformitarian geology, the teaching of millions of years of earth history, and Christian responses. Various interpretations of the biblical text concerning the Genesis Flood will be examined. The geological evidence will also be examined in light of a global flood model and the uniformitarian interpretation will be critically evaluated. *Prerequisite: NS-510.*

### SR-653 Astronomy, Cosmology, and the Bible

This course is designed to equip students with a biblical worldview regarding the origin and history of the universe and how the heavens declare the glory of God. The historical development of science in the field of astronomy, including the major figures, discoveries, and scientific models will be covered. This course will critically examine the Big Bang model of origins and other cosmological models in light of the scientific and biblical evidence. *Prerequisite: NS-510.*

### SR-655 Understanding Darwin: His Life, Science, and Impact

This course will provide the student with in-depth study of the works of Charles Darwin which have made a major impact. Students will read and critique Darwin's major works such as *The Origin of Species*, *Descent of Man*, *The Voyage of the Beagle*, and his autobiography. The course will cover three major sections: Darwin's life, science, and impact. In particular, the course will give special attention to examination of Darwin's arguments in *The Origin of Species* and *Descent of Man*. The subsequent impact of Darwin's works on modern science and Christianity will also be explored. *Prerequisite: NS-510.*

## Social Sciences

### SS-201 Christian Music for Contemporary Culture

We are submerged in a society of communication and creativity, where the arts like music direct people's values, identity, movements, etc. This course intends to make the student aware of contemporary music's effect on our society, using the light of God's Word and of history to analyze how the music has turned into a relevant, alternative medium.

**SS-203 Cultural Anthropology**

An investigation of race, culture, economics, social groups, religion, language, and arts of primitive folk and modern westernized peoples. This course compares biblical absolutes with cultural norms and includes Bible lands and cultures.

**SS-301 Marriage and Family**

A study designed to help the student better understand God's design and purpose for marriage and the family. The course includes a focus on masculinity and femininity as well as how the family system works together to honor God. Students will also learn how to reconcile differences in the family, understand the serious consequences of divorce, learn effective parenting skills, be able to nurture a loving relationship with their spouse and children, and understand what it means to sustain a healthy and God-honoring marriage through trials, testing, and temptation.

**SS-306 Crucial Issues of the 21st Century**

An overview of significant theological issues confronting the Christian in postmodern society. Areas such as pluralism, uniqueness of Christianity, and conflicting world views are examined.

**SS-321 Interpersonal Conflict Resolution**

An interactive study which presents the student with communication theories and interpersonal skills relevant to conflict resolution, including recognizing, understanding, and managing interpersonal and group conflict.

**SS-330 Human Growth and Development**

This study provides insight to the central distinctive features of life-span development from conception to death: This course will highlight normal healthy development and address why people behave the way they do in relationship to society and self. Students will be exposed to research on the main theories of human development including the influence of family, culture, church life and employment in light of Biblical principles.

**SS-331 Personal & Professional Growth**

This course is meant to prepare people who plan to work in the helping profession, whether through counseling, drug/alcohol counseling, or ministry. It is common for people in the helping professions to burn out and possibly have negative psychological and emotional reactance to the time and care they give to others. This class will teach these helpers to recognize signs of burnout, implement healthy self-care techniques, recognize countertransference and ways to manage it, recognize strengths and weaknesses and understand the professional responsibility of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. This course incorporates Biblical foundation and the impact of spiritual health on the physical and emotional health.

**SS-900 Christianity, Culture, and Crossroads**

An exploration of modern Christianity and its intersection with dominant worldviews and cultures, this course will focus on developing the student's awareness of how faith in the 21st century is shaped and influenced. Students will squarely place their fingers on the "pulse of Christianity" to determine the state of the church today. Using a biblical worldview, students will then study the dominant cultures and worldviews for their presuppositions, frameworks, and how to best engage them. The purpose of this course is to prepare leaders and pastors for what they will encounter in a world becoming ever more hostile to conservative Christianity, by giving the student both the background issues and the strategies needed for future ministry. *4 Units.*

## Theology

### TH-204 Doctrine of the Bible

An examination of the doctrine of the Bible including the issues of revelation, inscripturation, inspiration, authority, canonicity, transmission and preservation.

### TH-220 Systems of Theology

Dispensational and Covenant Theology will be compared and contrasted, alongside the different interpretive approaches from which each system is derived. An analysis of the Biblical Covenants, the unique identities of Israel and the Church, and views concerning the Kingdom of God will be covered for purposes of developing a complete biblical philosophy of history.

### TH-300 Christian Theology

A survey of Christian doctrines which are derived from a historical-grammatical study of Scripture, including: God, Creation, Angels, Man, Sin, Salvation, Christ, Holy Spirit, the Church and the End Times.

### TH-311 Theology 1: God and Angels

An examination of the biblical doctrines of God and angels. Topics include: the attributes, nature, decree, and Trinity of God; and spirit beings, including angels, demons and Satan.

### TH-312 Theology 2: Man, Sin, and Salvation

An examination of the biblical teachings concerning man's creation, fall, and nature. Topics include: the source, nature, and extent of sinfulness; the imputation and consequences of sin on the world; and the saving work of Christ from Scripture giving attention to the meaning of substitutionary atonement, redemption, propitiation, reconciliation, justification, election, the conviction of the Spirit, faith, repentance, eternal security, and assurance.

### TH-313 Theology 3: Christ and the Holy Spirit

An examination of the biblical doctrines of Christ and of the Holy Spirit. Topics include: the deity, names, personhood, and natures of Christ as fully God and fully man; Christ's eternal ministry throughout the ages and the deity, names, personhood, and nature of the Holy Spirit is examined.

### TH-314 Theology 4: The Church and Last Things

An examination of the biblical doctrines of the Church and last things. Topics include: the nature, beginning, membership, and ordinances of the church; and things yet future. Various views of eschatology are considered.

### TH-501 Systematic Theology

A survey of Christian systematic theology arranged according to topic, including prolegomena, theology proper, angelology, anthropology, hamartiology, soteriology, Christology, pneumatology, ecclesiology and eschatology. NOTE: Bibliology is covered separately in HI-505 Church History and Canonicity.

### TH-507 Crucial Issues in Ministry

An overview of significant theological and moral issues confronting Christian ministries in postmodern society. Crucial issues explored include: the uniqueness of Christian doctrine,

pluralism, conflicting worldviews, genetic engineering, crises facing the family and matters of church and states.

#### TH-508 Comparative Systems of Theology

An overview of dispensational theology including its history, tenets, and hermeneutical basis. Students will also examine the premises of covenant theology in order to contrast them with dispensationalism along with the implications of dispensational hermeneutics on some of the systematic disciplines such as ecclesiology, soteriology, and eschatology. *Prerequisites: BH-501 and RS-501.*

#### TH-611 Theology 1: Theology Proper, Bibliology, Angelology

A study of existence and attributes of God in Scripture and in Christian history including prolegomena as the nature and source of theology; the inspiration, authority, inerrancy, and canonicity of the Bible; and the creation, nature, and activities of the unfallen angels, the fallen angels, and Satan. *Prerequisites: RS-501 and BH-501.*

#### TH-612 Theology 2: Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology

A study of the creation of human beings, the physical and spiritual aspects of humanity, and the Fall of humanity; the original and personal sin along with the nature, imputation, and extent of sinfulness; and the redemptive work of God in salvation with emphasis on the ministry of the Savior, the nature and extent of the Atonement, election, efficacious grace, justification, regeneration, the ministries of the Holy Spirit in salvation (Spirit baptism, indwelling, and sealing), faith, repentance, and eternal security. *Prerequisites: RS-501 and BH-501.*

#### TH-613 Theology 3: Christology and Pneumatology

A study of the deity, names, personhood, ministry, and the natures of Christ as fully God and fully man are studied. The deity, names, personhood, ministry and the nature of the Holy Spirit are studied. *Prerequisites: RS-501 and BH-501.*

#### TH-614 Theology 4: Ecclesiology and Eschatology

A study of the beginning, nature, membership, and ordinances of the church are examined. Things yet future are placed in chronological order. Various views of eschatology are considered. *Prerequisites: RS-501 and BH-501.*

#### TH-805 Advanced Theology: Theory and Praxis

This course explores a theological process from the exegesis of biblical texts to the contextualization of its theological message. The study includes definitions of biblical theology and systematic theology, theological presuppositions, the relationship between these two theological approaches, the process of doing systematic theology, and the identification of central themes or motifs. *Prerequisites TH-508, TH-611, TH-612, TH-613 and TH-614. Trimester.*

#### TH-905 Applied Theology for Biblical Ministry and Formation

How much does our ministry reflect a biblical model and to what extent should theology impact our ministry? This course will provide an academic exploration of theological issues as they relate to the historical developments and contemporary practices of the church and Christian ministry. The focus of the course is to develop a clear, comprehensive, and theologically sound approach to ministry practice based on the biblical text. *4 Units.*

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 Social Worker, Recuperative Care Unit, San Diego Rescue Mission, 2009–2011  
 Case Manager, Women & Children's Center, San Diego Rescue Mission, 2008–2009  
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 MA, Christian Counseling, HIS University, 2014~2016  
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 YoungNak Church of Fullerton, Senior Pastor (KPCA), 2013~2014  
 Evergreen Shepherd Church in Fullerton, Senior Pastor (Non-Denomination), 2011~2012  
 Beautiful Church in Rowland Heights, Associate Pastor (Southern Baptist Church), 2008~2011  
 Korean Christian Church of Houston in Houston, Education Pastor (E.M) (Full Gospel of Church), 2007  
 Korean American Presbyterian Church in LA, Administer Pastor (KAPC), 2005~2006  
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